

But, unless we have misread history, the times are not less hopeful than of yore. To be sure this pessimism is associated, as it so often is, with premillennial views of Christ's coming and kingdom—the world waxing worse and worse, present means of grace a failure, this dispensation closing in a great catastrophe, all opposition vanquished, and the kingdom established by the personal return of the Lord to reign with His saints for a millenium on the earth. This notion determines Mr. Ross' standpoint and colours all his thought. It is not offensively present, however, and those who differ most strongly from the author, or take but the meagerest interest in these vexed questions of eschatology, may peruse this little book with pleasure and spiritual profit. As an exposition of the Lord's Prayer it must take a second place ; but a worthy second to those few that are first is no mean distinction.

Professor Campbell's long expected work on the Hittites, * his *magnum opus*, is now ready and offered to the public. The two volumes are before us, by far the weightiest, most learned, and most valuable books on the Shelf. First of all let us speak in terms of unqualified praise and admiration of the publishers' part of the work. Canada may not have much to boast of in the way of fine book-making ; but whatever success she achieved in the past is equalled, if not excelled, by Williamson & Co., in their thoroughly artistic make up of Dr. Campbell's book. The paper, letter-press, binding and general style of the work, would do credit to any American or British house. This certainly is matter for congratulation, and the Canadian public should mark their appreciation. It is discouraging to find it necessary or advantageous for Canadian authors to have recourse to American or English publishers, when they have anything of special merit to offer the public. That the composition, presswork, binding, etc. of "The Hittites," were done by a Toronto firm, will do much to raise the standard of book-making in Canada.

But it is of the author's, not of the publishers' work that we should speak. Dr. Campbell tells us at the outset that this book "embraces the results of patient and laborious researches extending over a score of years." It is scarcely more than a week since it was laid on the Shelf, during which time we have read several chapters through, glanced over others, passed by on the other side of pages crammed with unheard-of names, were

* The Hittites: Their Inscriptions and their History. By Professor John Campbell, M.A., LL.D., Presbyterian College, Montreal. Two Vols. Toronto: Williamson & Co. 1890.