

They are divided into two parts,—Parish and School discourses, and were, we believe, for the most part delivered in Lennoxville. As we would expect from the character of the author, and from the excellent judgment of the editor to whom their selection from a very large number was entrusted, they are eminently practical in teaching, the results of pains-taking study and careful thought. Never very elaborate in structure, they possess a simplicity and energy and often eloquence of language which never failed to win and keep the attention of his hearers, and will equally impress the minds of those who may not have had the pleasure of listening to their delivery. Of those in the first part of the volume we would call attention especially to the one on the "*Institution of Lord's Supper*," and that on the often handled and important subject, "*The Clergyman, a Priest and a Citizen*." Not less interesting and able are those on "*Joy*" and "*Fitness to follow Christ*." How fresh and delightful their language, how vivid and lasting their impressions.

Of the second part we need say but little. They were especially prepared from time to time for the boys of the School, to whom they were addressed in the *College Chapel*. There are many young men and boys in the Dominion who have received from them impressions which will influence their entire lives, and who will read them again and again both to keep fresh those sacred impressions and to revive associations full of the liveliest pleasure. Considered as literary productions they are far superior to the ordinary run of published sermons, and merit, as they will no doubt obtain, an extensive sale. The *Memoir*, which strikes us as being somewhat brief, faithfully portrays those qualities of *Mr. Irving's* character which rendered him dear to his numerous friends. It is carefully written and adds to the interest of the volume. Should another and larger collection be published, which at some future time may be found desirable, we hope to see a more extended *Memoir* by the same hand.

Of the execution of *Mr. Lovell's* part of the work we cannot speak too highly. It surpasses anything hitherto accomplished in Canada; and we trust it may be the inauguration of a new era of excellence in workmanship of this class. We have been woefully behind our American neighbours in this respect, and it is therefore the more gratifying to meet with so decided an improvement. *Mr. Lovell* has shown himself capable of a high order of workmanship; and we hope future authors and editors will encourage a work so well begun by affording their publisher a remuneration sufficient to enable him to do justice to himself at least.

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In none of his works does *Mr. Thackeray* exhibit more of his pungent caustic satire, or give freer play to his hard, unloving humour, than in his lectures on "*The English humourists*," and "*the Four Georges*" now before us in one volume. Much as we make of the lively fancy and inimitable descriptive power of the author, and thoroughly as we admire his artistic powers and his evident knowledge of nature, human nature we mean, it is impossible not to feel disgust at the