

Talks about Books.

OTHER things being equal, a Canadian reviewer should give the place of honor to Canadian books, and a Canadian Presbyterian reviewer, to Canadian Presbyterian books. The Short History of the Presbyterian Church in the Dominion of Canada is a Presbyterian book. Its author is the Rev. Professor Gregg, D. D., of Knox College, Toronto. The work is a condensation of Dr. Gregg's well-known large one, which, however, only brings the history down to the year 1834. It was the Doctor's intention to continue the larger work in one or more volumes, and to this end he collected much valuable material; but this task he has relinquished in favour of the smaller treatise, which brings the history down to date. My venerable and highly-esteemed friend deserves the thanks of every Canadian Presbyterian for the work he has so well performed. This book of 240 pages is full, lucid, and far from uninteresting. Though evidencing much sympathy with the Disruption and the Free Church party, the author writes as one thoroughly loyal to union. The heading of paragraphs with large-type titles adds greatly to the usefulness of the history as a text book or book of reference,

but detracts from its typographical appearance, recalling to mind the old-fashioned geography books of very provincial days. Otherwise, the printing is good, and the binding plain but neat. What is above all to be remembered, in connection with Dr. Gregg's history, is that it is the only complete book of the kind, and that it is a thoroughly reliable work. Dr. Gregg is not the man to give to the public anything on which he has not expended all possible pains to make thoroughly practical and trustworthy. May it have a very large circulation. It is published for the author, but doubtless all booksellers can supply it.

Miss Sibyl Wilson has edited The Lost Atlantis and other Ethnographic Studies, by her father, the late Sir Daniel Wilson of the University of Toronto. The Ethnographic Studies are eight in number, and make up a book of over 400 large octavo pages. Besides the Lost Atlantis, a pleasing and suggestive survey of all the literature on that interesting subject, the volume contains one on The Vinland of the Northmen, which, strange to say, does not recognize Professor Horsford's numerous and learned works on the topic; and another on Trade and Commerce in the Stone Age,