

The Canadian Methodist Pulpit: A Collection of Original Sermons from Living Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada. Rev. SAMUEL G. PHILLIPS, Editor. Toronto: S. Rose. 12mo. pp. xvii-419. \$1.50.

The idea of such a representative volume as this was very happily conceived by Mr. Phillips, and he has been successful in procuring an admirable series of contributions. The first sermon is one on Broken Cisterns, by that prince of pulpit orators, W. Morley Panshon. Like apples of gold in pictures of silver are his great thoughts couched in such brilliant setting. Then follow two by the honoured President of the General Conference; one a memorial sermon on the death of late Rev. W. L. Thornton, M. A., President of the Canadian Conference in 1864; the other on Christians on Earth and in Heaven. They both show that the bow of the venerable Nestor of Canadian Methodism still abides in strength, as when in youthful prime he sent the arrows of the Gospel into the hearts of the King's enemies.

The Rev. John Borland contributes an admirable sermon on Christian Perfection as illustrated in the character of St. Paul. Mr. Borland discusses this cardinal topic of Wesleyan theology in his own eminently judicious manner. Angels studying Redemption is the subject of the next, by the Rev. W. Stephenson. It is in his ornate style, and is characterized by polished diction and poetical conception—one of his best efforts. Our dear Father Carroll, the beloved of all the churches, gives a sermon of the grand old Methodist ring, on the Essentials of Religious Prosperity—short, but making up for its brevity by its strength.

But we cannot stop to characterize each discourse. The other contributors are Revs. W. Galbraith on the Glorious Ascension and Triumphant Reign of Christ; H. Bland, on the Custody of the Heart; W. S. Blackstock, on Christ our Passover; J. Graham, on Battle for the Gospel Faith; C. Fish, on Manna; W. J. Hunter, on the Family of God; the late Dr. Freshman, on the Christian Sabbath; Prof. Raynar, on Knowledge is Life; J. Rev, on the Impartiality of God's Love; L.

Hooker on the Mission of Jesus; E. A. Stafford, on Glorifying in Religion; C. S. Eby, on the Gospel View of Tribulation; Dr. Douglas—his grand Round Lake Camp Meeting Sermon—on the Power of the Gospel; W. Williams and D. Savage, of New Connexion Conference, on the Spiritual Life, and A Church Order—a Means Not an End, respectively; E. B. Ryckman, of the Dundas Collegiate Institute, on the Power of Christ, the Missionary's Strength; and Henry Pope, Junior, President of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, on Preaching Christ. The volume closes with the soul-stirring address of the Rev. A. Sutherland, delivered at the last Hamilton Conference, on some distinctive features of Wesleyan theology.

A Survey of the Unity, Harmony, and Growing Evidence of the Sacred Truth. By WILLIAM COOKE, D. D. London: Hamilton & Adams. Toronto: S. Rose. pp. xii-603 12mo. \$2.

The central idea of Dr. Cooke's book is, that the Bible is not a collection of disconnected parts, but that it possesses an essential unity; that, to use his own words, "one grand purpose pervades the whole volume of Revelation—namely, the Salvation of man through Jesus Christ;" and that the evidence of this Divine truth is cumulative, that is, constantly unfolding and growing brighter and brighter unto the perfect day when all men shall recognize its effulgence, and rejoice in its blessed illumination.

But this book is not an abstract argument. It traces the unfolding of this evidence from age to age, and illustrates it by concrete examples. The latest discoveries of Layard, Smith, Botta, Rawlinson, and recent travellers and explorers in Bible lands are laid under tribute, as well as a wide range of critical and exegetical reading. Indeed, in this single volume is embodied the substance of many large and costly books. The important subject of Biblical chronology is carefully examined, and the Usherian scheme, or that of the Hebrew text, we think, successfully maintained. The chapter on the External Evidence of the Deluge confirms by a striking consensus of ancient authors and late dis-