

ferences, and a General Conference, has been three times at the English Conference as representative of Canada, and also the same number of times the representative to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, United States. During these years he has kept an accurate journal of his personal history and of Connexional and public affairs. This mass of information he has now condensed and digested into the valuable and interesting volume before us. It is a transcript of the growth of Methodism during half a century. And very marvellous that growth has been. When Dr. Green entered the Canada Conference it contained only thirty-eight ministers. At the time of the union, in 1874, there were seven hundred and fifteen; the amalgamation of the Methodists in the Eastern Provinces, and the New Connexion, have swelled the number to more than one thousand. The membership has increased from 6,150 to over 100,000.

The book will give the present generation a vivid picture of the hardships and privations of the pioneer Methodist missionaries of this province. Smith's Creek Circuit, on which our author laboured, reached all the way from Bowmanville to the Carrying Place, River Trent, and Mud Lake, four hundred miles round. He rode on horseback summer and winter, when the greater part of the roads were through the trackless forest. He preached the first sermon ever delivered at Port Hope, where he had for a church a shoemaker's shop, the bench for a pulpit, and six persons for a congregation. There were only two churches in the whole circuit. The same tract of country now comprises twenty-four circuits. Several accounts are given of thrilling adventure, amusing incidents, and providential escapes. It is well to have placed on record by a prominent actor in these early scenes, these incidents of pioneer Methodism in Canada. We would like to have seen fuller treatment of some

important Connexional events and early contemporaries of the author, but we suppose the necessary conditions of space have excluded much that would otherwise have appeared. The book is not a history of Methodism but an autobiography. For fuller details we must refer to Dr. Carroll's admirable volumes, the last of which will soon be in the hands of the public.

The profits of this work are devoted to the Superannuated Preachers' Fund—an additional reason why it should have a large sale. A fine steel portrait represents the author as he appeared in the prime of his vigour. The Introduction by Dr. Nelles is a very graceful and felicitous tribute to the venerable author of this work.

The Cruise of the "Challenger"; Voyages over many seas, Scents in many lands. By W. J. J. SPRY, R.N. With map and numerous engravings, 8vo., pp. 388, price \$2.50. Belford Brothers, Toronto; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

This admirable volume gives an account of probably the most important scientific expedition ever undertaken. H. M. S. *Challenger*, a corvette of 2,000 tons, with a picked crew was placed by the British Government at the service of the Royal Society, for deep-sea exploration, sounding, dredging, and the discovery of the marvellous mysteries of the ocean. The good ship sailed from Portsmouth on the 21st of December, 1872, and returned on the 24th of May, 1876, after an absence of nearly three years and a-half. In the meantime she completely circumnavigated the globe, sailing a distance of over 68,000 miles, traversing the deep sea basins from side to side and from end to end, visiting many of the most commercially important and scientifically interesting portions of the earth. Everywhere the officers and scient-