

received the highest commendations upon his book from the most eminently practical book-keepers throughout the Dominion.

We have also from the same publisher, MR. ORR, LADIES' AND COMMERCIAL PENMANSHIP, which for elegance of style, and practical utility, are unsurpassed by any other publication of the kind. In speaking of them we cannot do better than quote the words of the late Bishop Strachan:—He says, "I am much pleased with your system of writing, it is so simple, as to encourage the most timid beginners to give it a fair trial. This, with the unexpected facility with which they feel themselves making progress can seldom fail to induce perseverance, and such increased exertion as MUST COMMAND SUCCESS."

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CASE, AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES, OR  
THE CANADIAN ITINERANT'S  
MEMORIAL, &c.

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The second volume of this work has now been before the Canadian public for several months. It is what it purports to be, a continuation of a biographical history of Methodism in Canada, from its introduction in the province till the death of the Rev. William Case. To the large body of Methodists spread over Canada, this work cannot but be extremely interesting; while for the more general public it certainly possesses a vast amount of valuable information upon early Canadian history—information that cannot be obtained elsewhere.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll has placed his pen upon a subject with which he is well informed, and has arranged his matter in a thoroughly practical manner. Gifted with the power of penetration, a mind enriched by reading and close observation, and with a degree of industry that claims admiration, the author has produced a work characterized by great perspicuity, accuracy, and valuable historic lore. And, moreover, there is pervading every page a true spirit of christianity—a love of the pure and good. He writes in a spirit of Catholicity, while he takes pains to do justice to the former heroes of Wesleyan Methodism, and there is no approach to bigotry or narrow sectarianism.

The author's style of writing is a pleasing one; without the semblance of an effort, he presents in a way often highly artistic and always attractive the facts which come under his notice. We trust the much esteemed and tolerated writer, whose energies are yet in active operation, has received such encouragement as will induce him to still continue his labours as a Canadian Methodist Historian.

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THE RIVER OF LIFE.

BY J. G. MANLY, JR.

See yon mighty river pouring  
All its waters down the hill;  
See it, as if duty bound it  
Some high mission to fulfil.

Silent o'er its shining crystal,  
Or at times its tawny flow,  
Has't thou never seen the flashings  
Of the dreams of long ago?

Hath there fancy never borne thee  
Like a spirit thro' the air,  
With her, to the scenes departed,  
At her beckon to repair?

Strong flows on the chainless river,  
Strong in its unmeasured flow—  
Thus the stream of man's existence  
Travels thro' the vale of woe.

Swiftly flows the winding river,  
Dancing thro' the vales and dells;  
So the stream of life flows onward,  
And thus destiny impels.

Lost within the depths of ocean,  
To the weary river's store;  
So our life's unnumbered burdens  
Lose themselves in evermore.

So, all like the ancient river,  
Life's strong current bears us on;  
And, as oft we glance around us,  
Here and there a barque is gone.

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PHONOGRAPHY.

Any of our readers who might wish to avail themselves of a good opportunity of acquiring, in a short time, a knowledge of phonography, we would recommend to attend the class of Messrs. Humphrey & Son, at the Mechanic's Institute in this city. Another course of ten lessons begins on the 9th of December.