

BOOK NOTICES.

Canadian Pictures drawn with Pen and Pencil. By the MARQUIS OF LORNE, K.T. Imp. 8vo., pp. 224. London: Religious Tract Society, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price \$2.50.

For a number of years the London Tract Society has issued an annual volume of travel, illustrated with pen and pencil. We have thus had French, Swiss, Italian, Spanish and other Pictures, which have been exceedingly beautiful and popular parlour books. The book this year is devoted to Canada, and is, we think, the most sumptuous and beautiful yet issued. It contains nearly a hundred engravings—many of them, especially the mountain views, being of great artistic merit. A large folding map accompanies the volume.

Our late genial Governor-General has shown his profound interest in the Dominion in the preparation of the letterpress, which gives graphic sketches with personal reminiscences of the various provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He has travelled so extensively through the country that he can describe with the fidelity and vividness of an eye-witness its fairest and grandest scenes. To most of us the engravings of the Rocky Mountains and scenery of the Thompson and Fraser will be a revelation of sublimity akin to that of Switzerland and Norway. There is a chapter also on the political relations of Canada and Great Britain, a discussion of the tariff question and a strong plea for maintaining the unity of the empire. He was evidently in love with our glorious climate—our bright suns and clear air and blue skies. The picture of a Canadian vineyard will open the eyes of many who have thought with Voltaire that Canada was only a dreary waste of snow.

An ardent sportsman himself, the Marquis gives such a glowing account of Canadian fowling and fishing as must awaken the envy of his English readers. We notice a few trivial errors into which the author has fallen, but nothing of any moment. The book is a most attractive one, and will be the favourite Christmas gift-book in Canada, and cannot fail to give more correct views of Britain's noblest colony to a large circle of British readers. We hope to present, in future numbers of this MAGAZINE, a selection from the most attractive engravings of the volume.

The People's Cyclopædia of Universal Knowledge. By W. H. DEPUY, A.M., D.D. Super royal 8vo., 3 vols., pp. 2,116. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs, sole agent for Canada. Price, cloth, \$17.00; sheep, \$20.00; half morocco, \$22.00.

A good cyclopædia is a library in itself. Indeed, no library without a cyclopædia can treat so many subjects as this book. As a ready source of information on the thousand topics of inquiry in this busy age it is invaluable. Few things, if any, have a better educational influence on young or old than the habit of consulting a cyclopædia on the countless things that stimulate the curiosity. For those who cannot afford the Britannica or Appleton's, this is an excellent substitute, for about one-eighth the price, and on most subjects gives about all the information that will be desired. Its 2,000 large and closely-printed pages contain an immense amount of instruction on almost every conceivable subject. Over 57,000 distinct topics are treated. These are illustrated by over 5,000 engravings and 52 coloured double page maps. These are