

In many cases these will be apparent, in most they will become so by a reference to Cornish's "Hand Book," or "Case and his Contemporaries." Under a thin veil of fiction much valuable information is given, and there are wholesome lessons for both head and heart in these pages. We give from advance sheets in this number a short specimen of the style of treatment. We bespeak for the book a wide circulation. It gives a graphic account and accurate presentation of the lights and shadows of itinerant life in the heroic days of pioneer Methodism in this land—days, the vivid conception of which is fast fading from the minds of men—of which, indeed, the younger generation have scarcely any conception at all. Of the incidents recorded here, the author can say in the words of the Latin poet, "All which I saw, and part of which I was." There is just spice enough of the tender sentiment in the story to give it additional interest.

*Canadian Monthly and National Review.* Adam, Stevenson, & Co., Toronto.

THE May number of this excellent Monthly contains an important article by Goldwin Smith, M.A., on the "Immortality of the Soul." Apart from the testimony of Revelation, which he seems purposely to omit, as the argument is addressed to some who might perhaps question the validity of such testimony, he bases the doctrine of a Future State on moral evidence—the universal and ineradicable convictions of the human soul. Viewed in this light, it is a worthy pendant to the immortal "Phaedo" of Plato. The Christian theologian, of course, would supplement this argument by the testimony of Scripture, but it is satisfactory to find that in an age of skeptical science, philosophy alone can demonstrate this grand truth with no less cogency than in the ancient grove of the Academy. The argument of Butler needs probably to be readjusted to

the altered conditions of modern science. While we dissent from many of the views presented in this Monthly, we consider that it renders important service to our national literature by discussing the great problems of the day in a large and tolerant spirit. "Know you not," says Milton, "that truth is strong next to God Himself." We do it wrong to doubt its triumph.

*Church and State.* By SIR ALEX. T. GALT, K.C.M.G. 8vo. pp. 41. Dawson Brothers, Montreal.

THIS trenchant pamphlet discusses from the stand-point of a statesman, and in a statesmanlike manner, what we conceive to be the great civil problem of the day in the Old World and the New. The arrogant assumptions and aggressive attitude of Rome make it a crime for a true patriot to remain silent while the fetters are being forged that would manacle our civil freedom. Hence the earnest protests of Dollinger, Gladstone, Laveleye, and of Sir A. T. Galt, who not unworthily ranks with this illustrious trio. The pamphlet will repay the careful study of those who would understand the issue before us in this country—the irrepressible conflict between the Roman Hierarchy and civil liberty. We are afraid, however, that the suggestion that the leaders of both political parties lay aside their mutual jealousies, and unite on a declaration to the Hierarchy that their interference must absolutely cease, is hardly attainable without a greater change in the spirit of Canadian politics than we are likely very soon to see.

*Readings and Recitations for Temperance Workers and Social Gatherings.* Edited by JACOB SPENCE, Secretary of Prohibitory League. Crown, 8vo., pp. 168. Toronto: Belford Brothers and Methodist Book Room.

IN this volume, that veteran temperance worker, Mr. Spence, has