

recent, is also the best compendious cyclopædia that we know. Subjects of minor importance are treated very concisely, while subjects of major importance receive ample space. The editor has been assisted by over thirty of the most eminent religious writers of the country, representing the different Churches. Among these are Bishop Vincent, Dr. Selah Merrill, Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. C. S. Robinson, and many others. As evidence of the completeness of treatment we may note that the subject of the Reformation fills fourteen double-column pages, and the reformed Church three pages additional. Methodism receives twelve pages, and the Wesleys five additional. Egypt twelve pages and seven illustrations. Palestine six, with coloured map. Jerusalem six pages and eight cuts; and many places in Bible lands receive description and illustration. An important feature is the copious list of authorities on subjects on which the reader might desire further information. Thus, in the article on the Catacombs, J. H. Parker's archæology of Rome, and the present writer's book on the subject are given as references. The book is very impartial, the history and doctrines of the several Churches being treated by recognized representatives of those Churches.

*Toronto, Old and New; a Memorial Volume, Historical, Descriptive, and Pictorial.* By G. MERCER ADAM; with introduction by Rev. HENRY SCADDING, D.D. 4to, pp. 212.

It was a very happy thought to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the passing of the Constitutional Act of 1791, whereby the Province of Upper Canada was organized, by the issue of this handsome volume, which records the rise and progress of the chief city of that Province. The execution of the design is as admirable as its conception. That the work has been done by the accomplished pen of Mr. G. Mercer Adam is a guarantee of its literary merit. The history of the city of Toronto is, to a large extent, the

history of the Province of which it is the political, commercial, educational and literary centre. The author traces, in his usual graceful style, the beginnings of Toronto in the old Indian days and under the French régime. He pays his tribute to the United Empire Loyalist fathers and founders of Upper Canada. He sketches the career of Governor Simcoe, and the picturesque incidents in the early history of "Little York." He records the events leading to the war of 1812-15, and the part which the town of York took therein. The early and more recent makers of Canada are faithfully portrayed. Dr. Strachan, the Robinsons, the Blacks, the Bethunes, W. L. Mackenzie, the Morrisons, the Andersons, and other pioneers. We think, however, the honoured name of Dr. Ryerson, the great antagonist of Bishop Strachan, the champion of constitutional liberty and the founder of our public school system, deserves more than the merely casual mention which it receives. But this is better than the treatment which it receives in Dr. Scadding's otherwise excellent volume on "Toronto of Old," in which it does not appear at all. The story of the rebellion is concisely told, and the results of the union of the provinces, the railway era, the Fenian raid, the confederation era, the recent development of the city are succinctly recorded.

Of special interest is the typographical and descriptive account of Toronto, illustrated as it is with many scores of admirable engravings of the principal streets, parks and buildings, public and private, and a brief biographical sketch of prominent citizens and public men in the educational and artistic professions, and its leading bankers, merchants and captains of industry. The resident of Toronto may well be proud of the architectural beauty of its public and private buildings, and of the evidence of its manufacturing and commercial prosperity. The engraving, printing and mechanical manufacture of this book, and also the interest of the subject, make it one which should be in every drawing-room or library of the city.