

where hundreds listen to the glorious gospel every Sabbath. The cost of its erection, in consequence of the high price of materials and labour, was so great that it would be no guide as to the cost of a similar structure in these provinces. Its dimensions are as follows: extreme length, 84 feet; breadth, 42 feet; breadth across transepts, 62 feet 6 inches. Tower: 11 feet inside, height of spire, about 150 feet. The church is a conspicuous monument of the energy and enterprise of the Methodist people of the Pacific Coast, and of the Christian liberality with which they were assisted from the older provinces. It is a distinguished ornament to the city, and has contributed largely to our success as a denomination in that country.

In the comparatively short interval which has since elapsed, this small beginning has expanded to a magnificent work, embracing nine missionaries and thirteen missions, with a membership of 560, many of whom are men and women reclaimed from pagan barbarism to Christian civilization. There are now in Victoria 196 members in Church fellowship, 57 of whom are converted Indians; one Sabbath-school, among the white population, 15 teachers and 120 scholars; one Indian Sabbath-school, 10 teachers and 70 scholars. They have a commodious parsonage, and are now an independent Circuit. A Chinese Mission has also been opened in the city, which has already been attended with marked manifestations of the Divine approval.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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### *Commentary on the Old Testament.*

Vol. III. *Joshua to II. Samuel.* The Book of Joshua, by D. STEELE, D.D.; Books of Judges to II. Samuel, by REV. MILTON S. TERRY, M.A. Vol. iv. *Kings to Esther,* by REV. MILTON S. TERRY, M.A. D. D. WHEDON, LL.D., Editor. 12mo. Pp. 534 and 538, with maps, plates, tables, etc. New York: Nelson and Phillips; Toronto; S. Rose.

ONE of the especial glories of early Methodism was the valuable service it rendered to Biblical criticism and interpretation. The labours of Wesley, Clarke, Coke, Benson, Watson, and others, in this respect have conferred an immense benefit on the cause of religion ever since. It is a cause of surprise and regret that, in this age of eager Biblical investigation and increased facilities for textual criticism, the Mother Church of Methodism has furnished no commentators, to do the work for

the present generation that those we have mentioned did for theirs. One of the most imperious needs of Methodism, to-day, is a complete popular commentary on Holy Scripture, interpreting the oracles of God in accordance with our Arminian theology. It is a rather anomalous circumstance, that the most widely circulated commentary of the times, both in the Old World and the New, the one on which sole dependence has been placed in very many of our Sunday-schools and families, was the work of a worthy Philadelphia pastor, of no great erudition or critical faculty, of theological views strongly opposed to our Church standards, and so engrossed in the duties of an active pastorate that his entire commentary was written before breakfast in the morning.

It was to meet this long-felt want that the enterprising Methodist Book Concern, at New York, projected a commentary under the able supervision of Dr. Whedon. Three vol-