

cabinet and other public men, enhance the interest of the book.

The Conscript Fathers of Canada in their first Legislative Assembly had the honour of passing the first resolution for the abolition of slavery, forty years before the Anti-slavery Bill of Great Britain, and more than sixty years before that of the United States, and sixty-seven years before that of Brazil. May the Province of Ontario ever continue to lead the world in moral and social reforms.

Joy, the Deaconess. By ELIZABETH E. HOLDING. Cincinnati: Cranston and Curtis. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 90 cents.

The Deaconess Movement is one which has received an extraordinary impulse in the United States and Canada. In many cities of the Union these Methodist sisters of the people, with their neat and modest garb, which is their passport and protection amid the vilest slums, are true angels of mercy, accomplishing a sublime work in ministering at once to the bodies and the souls of men and especially of suffering and often sinning women. This book gives a graphic account of deaconess life, first in the training, and second at work. We commend it heartily to those who would like an inside view of deaconess life and work. We hope that soon both Toronto and Montreal will have institutions similar to that here described.

My Mission Tour in South Africa. A Record of Interesting travel and Pentecostal Blessing. By REV. THOMAS COOK. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

Few Canadian readers are aware of the magnificent British Colonial Empire, as we may well call it, which has grown up in South Africa. With Cape Town with 60,000 inhabitants, Port Elizabeth, 940 miles distant by rail, 20,000 inhabitants and an immense pastoral country, the resources of the country are a mine of wealth. In Port Elizabeth is a magnificent Town Hall erected at a cost of \$150,000 which was employed by Mr. Cook

for evangelistic services. Kimberley is 480 miles distant with 15,000 people from which six tons of diamonds, worth \$200,000,000, have been exported since 1870.

Our author makes nothing of an 800-mile stage-ride into the interior, and finds at his journey's end a Wesleyan Chapel built at the cost of \$50,000. At Grahamstown and Durban, in Natal, are similar structures. There is also a flourishing Methodist paper published. Everywhere our author was wonderfully successful and his six months' evangelistic tour resulted in the conversion of at least 10,000 souls.

Mrs. Rebecca Wakefield, Missionary in East Africa. By REV. ROBERT BREWIN. London: Andrew Crombie. Toronto: William Briggs. Third edition.

The records of missionary trial and triumph are among the most inspiring reading for young people or old. Especially is this the case when those records are of adventure in darkest Africa. Of this book the *Edinburgh Review* has said, that the heroine, though only the wife of a Methodist minister, has exhibited a loftier courage than Joan of Arc. Charles H. Spurgeon made the book the subject of a special article and said that it had been quite a means of grace to him. Its gentle heroine was one of the martyrs of modern missions. "Her letters," said the late Dr. Punshon, "show the beauty of an entire consecration too early closed." We shall make this book the subject of a special article in a future number.

Bunyan Characters. Lectures delivered in St. George's Free Church, Edinburgh. By ALEX. WHYTE, D.D. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 279. Price 90 cents.

Bunyan's immortal allegory is one of the great classics of the world. Save the Bible, no book has been printed so often or in so many languages. Like the Bible too, the longer it is studied the more its