

present as our review of the "Life of Dr. Ryerson," which we have no doubt will afford much pleasure to the Doctor's friends and to many members of the Church, a leading place in which he combined with important functions in the State. The praise of administrative vigour is conceded on all hands. That there is a different version of some other parts of the case the biographer himself can hardly fail to be aware.

—The BYSTANDER mourns the departure of Mr. G. Mercer Adam, who, after giving the best years of his life to the service of literature and the high class book-trade in Canada, has, like other men whom we could ill spare, accepted an invitation to New York, where he joins Mr. Lovell, the enterprising publisher, who is also an exile from Canada. We cannot wonder at these secessions. How is literature, how is the high-class book-trade to flourish here, under the present conditions? A Canadian writer can have no copyright of any value on his own Continent, while, in his case, copyright in England is a name. The Canadian book-trade is cut off from its natural centres of distribution, to which it cannot resort without paying double duty. At the same time both writer and trade are exposed to the overwhelming influx of American reprints from English works, with which the Imperial copyright forbids the colony to compete. The literary calling in this country if it exists at all must exist almost apart from any hope of remuneration. Against such disadvantages what can vice-regal patronage avail?

—This number will conclude with a farewell, to be followed, however, by a fresh greeting. The reception given to the BYSTANDER has seemed to warrant an experiment in independent journalism on a larger scale. In our advertising pages will be found the announcement of a weekly journal unconnected with party. For this the BYSTANDER will make way, and perhaps