

the honours that are coming thick upon him.

He writes as follows upon the book entitled—*THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.* (Mr. W. G. Pender, Agent—see last *Record*).

We have received a volume with the above caption from the publishers, Messrs. Lent & Co., New York. The title is enough of itself to command a large sale for the work. We have hitherto been accustomed to speak of the Presbyterian Church as confined to the particular locality where we reside, but we are taught by this book to look at the Presbyterian Church throughout the world as one—not as many fragments that have no cohesion—but as a grand religious system that embraces the earth, and whose source we must trace to Apostolic times. The Editor has given a number of interesting sketches of the Presbyterian Church in all the countries of the world—describing graphically the sufferings of martyrs, the gigantic work of the Reformers, the pure and fervid teaching of the fathers, and the noble conflicts of the Church with all her enemies. A just and glowing tribute to the Presbyterian Churches in Canada will be found in the chapter headed “Sketches of later Presbyterian History in America,” for which we desire to express our special thanks. A large portion of the book is taken up with valuable papers on the reunion of the Presbyterian Churches of the United States, from the pens of such distinguished authors as Dr. Samuel Miller, Dr. J. F. Stearns, Dr. W. B. Sprague, Dr. Z. M. Humphrey, Dr. William Adams, Dr. M. W. Jacobus, Dr. P. H. Fowler, Dr. John Hall, Dr. Ellinwood, and the Editor, Rev. G. S. Plumley. A very attractive feature of this work is its illustrations. We have beautiful portraits of many distinguished sons of the Church, and valuable engravings of buildings that are of historic interest as pertaining to Presbyterianism. Altogether it is a handsome and attractive volume, which we would be glad to see in every Presbyterian home on this Continent.

WE take the following from a Western newspaper. It refers to the work being done by the Rev. J. R. Thompson, formerly of Richmond and N. W. Arm. He is hearing the Lion in his den—Infidelity where it is:—

A very large congregation attended the Presbyterian Church last evening, and listened to Mr. Thompson's third lecture on the Bible. Subject, “The Harmony of the Word of God.” After explaining that this harmony does not prevent some parts from abrogating others, and that laws and command of only a temporary and local application were not intended to be universal and perpetual, the preacher went on to illustrate his meaning by specifying the civil, criminal and ceremonial code of the Jews. These ceased when the nation for which they were framed came to an end. But the principles of God's laws are eternal and can never change. Christ came, not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it. The doctrines of the Bible, concerning the fall and restoration of man, and of Jehovah the great object of divine adoration, as well as all the records and facts from the creation to the resurrection of our Lord, and the organization of the primitive Church, are harmonious thought. Bear in mind that there is no subject upon which men are so likely to disagree as religion, and that the Bible was written by all sorts and conditions of men, from the king on his throne, to the humble and despised tax-gatherer—prophets, poets, historians, musicians, soldiers, priests, accomplished scholars as well as unlearned and ignorant fishermen—men occupying all ranks of society—representing all phases of civilization and modes of thought; that it consists of more than sixty treatises, written by between thirty and forty different contributors, separated from each other by some sixteen centuries, and you have the elements and conditions out of which the writers of the Bible have wrought the most perfect harmony. You have in all this a very miracle—a phenomenon which cannot be explained upon any other hypothesis than that referred to in the text, “Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” The above is a very brief synopsis of a discourse which

PETER'S PENCE.—The sum to be forwarded to His Holiness the Pope this year from the girls of Great Britain and Ireland amounts to \$15,000.