

Notwithstanding this, there is that in it which pleases in its perusal. It is a noble poem. It shows nobility of character. Sohrab strikes chords of sympathy with his ardent desires, ambition for glory, pride in his unknown parent, boldness in encountering danger, strength of purpose, reluctance to do wrong, persistence in the strife against fate, final yielding to its grasp, for "it was writ in Heaven that this should be." Rustum touches notes of pity with his pride of old age, fame hard-earned in battle, indifference to insignificant requests, quick response to call of duty, critical view of a supposed enemy's actions, calculating remarks intended to dispel suspicion, unassuaged grief at the death of his son—they are intensely human. The poem is, therefore, the more complete.

The last portion is a fitting and final consummation of the thought of fatalism which pervades the whole. The life of the old warrior Rustum has been foiled of its purposes, it has been circuitous as the course of the river, but at last both reached the mighty ocean, as Fate had willed :

"The longed-for dash of waves is heard, and wide
His luminous home of waters opens, bright
And tranquil, from whose floor the new-bathed stars
Emerge and shine upon the Aral Sea."

M. E. BURNETTE.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE photograph from which our frontispiece has been prepared is, of course, not a recent one, for the simple reason that Editor Wells has little time or inclination to frequent photograph galleries. It does not, therefore, indicate the weight of years, the resultant wisdom and gravity, and the editorial authority which many of our readers may have accustomed themselves to associate with the name at the head of our leading article. It is, however, an excellent picture of the well-remembered Principal of the old C. L. I., and will, we believe, be all the more prized on that account. The editor of the *Canadian Baptist* may appear on some future occasion.

OUR March number will contain a biographical sketch, with portrait, of the late Deacon Stephen Tucker, of Clarence, Ont., from the