

—the mountain regions, the dwindling cities, the rural solitudes. His sketches of Ravenna, of old and new Venice, of Murano, Ancona, Cremona, etc., are full of interest. One of the most amusing chapters is that on the pursuit of bric-a-brac. He contrasts Italian with American training and manners, not always to the advantage of his countrymen.

A Popular History of the Dominion of Canada, from the Discovery of America to the Present Time. By W. H. WITHROW, D.D. Royal 8vo., pp. 652. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, cloth, \$3.

Of this book it becomes the author to say no more than that it is the enlarged, revised, and improved edition of a work which has elicited the commendation of such competent critics as Lord Dufferin, Lossing the historian, Sir Francis Hincks, the late Dr. Ryerson, and others. It brings the history of the Dominion and of all its provinces, and of the Island of Newfoundland, from the earliest period down to the viceroyalty of Lord Lansdowne. It is illustrated by eight steel portraits and over a hundred wood engravings. It has six coloured folding maps, engraved in Edinburgh, and is printed on heavy paper and bound in the best style of the Methodist Book and Publishing House.

The Table-Talk of Dr. Martin Luther. Fourth Centenary Ed. T. Fisher Unwin, London, Eng.

This is a quaint little vellum-bound book, in imitation, in antique title-page, head and tail pieces, of the first edition of this book, which contains some of the most notable sayings of the monk who shook the world—whose words were half battles. It is a pleasing *souvenir* of the Luther Quarter-centenary.

Mottoes of Methodism. From the Prose Writings of the Rev. John Wesley, and the Poetical Writings of the Rev. Charles Wesley, with Scripture Texts for Every Day in the Year. Selected and arranged by the Rev. JESSE T. WHITLEY.

New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

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An Essay on Professional Ethics. By Hon. GEORGE SHARSWOOD, LL.D. Fourth Ed. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co.

To our legal friends this book will be of special interest. It discusses, first, the duties which a lawyer owes to the public or commonwealth; second, those which he owes to the court, his professional brethren, and his client. The ethics of the noble profession of law are expounded from the lofty principle that, as Milton says, "Justice hath her home in the bosom of God Himself;" and the learned lecturer holds up the dignity of his profession to the height of this noble eaidl.

LITERARY NOTES.

In a note to the writer, the Rev. C. S. Eby, M.A., of Tokio, Japan, speaks thus of the series of popular lectures on the relations of Science and Religion, which he edited, and most of which he gave himself:

"The Japanese session is giving me a great deal of work, but it will be off my hands in a week or two. The style of Japanese for book and platform is so entirely different that they had to be all re-written, corrected, copied, etc., before being put to the press. I am having them stereotyped and prepared, so as to be sold cheaply and widely. Sir Harry S. Parkes (British Minister to Japan, and appointed this summer to Peking, China), before he went away, left me nearly \$300, to get them out cheaply for the purpose. They will probably sell by the thousand, but will not bring me any profit." Our readers can do themselves a service by remitting \$2 to the Book Room for the English version of this book, which will be ordered from Japan.