

*Memoirs of the Rev. William Cooke, D.D.* By SAMUEL HULME. Pp. 401. London: C. D. Ward. Toronto: William Briggs.

Very many persons in Canada will remember with pleasure the visit made to this country by Dr. Cooke a few years ago. He endeared himself to all who met him by his Christian urbanity, and to all the churches and conferences which he visited by the breadth as well as depth of his Christian sympathies. His life-long prayer and labour was for the peace of Jerusalem. He especially loved to bear the olive branch. He was greatly interested in the success of Christian union in Canada, and the latest labours of his life were to promote the same good cause in Great Britain. The list of his works—thirty-three in number, some of them large volumes which reached many editions—shows what can be accomplished in a busy pastoral and official life by the happy art of redeeming the time. He makes in this volume most kindly reference to his many Canadian friends, and pays a most worthy tribute to the many virtues and manly piety of his son-in-law, the late Robert Wilkes, of this city, whose untimely loss the Canadian Church will long deplore. A lithograph portrait of the strongly intellectual face and good gray head of Dr. Cooke lends an additional value to the pen picture here given.

*Many Infallible Proofs: A Series of Chapters on the Evidences of Christianity.* By ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D. Chicago: F. H. Revell. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. 12mo, \$1.25.

In this volume, Dr. Pierson, an accomplished writer and profound thinker, traces, as it were, his own spiritual biography. He tells us that he once found himself getting into the deep darkness of doubt. He presents the line of investigation which led him out of the gloom into the full light of day. These chapters, he says, are the blazed trees that mark the path by which one man got out of the forest. He examines the argument founded on

prophecy, miracles, on the Bible itself, its nature and supernatural elevation and moral beauty; upon the character, person, teachings and power of Christ. The work is eminently popular in style. Busy men, who have not time for ponderous tomes, may find herein an antidote for the poison of infidelity, which is in the very air.

*Household Remedies.* By FELIX L. OSWALD, M.D. New York: Fowler & Wells. 12mo, pp. 229.

Dr. Oswald is known as one of the most brilliant medical writers of the day. His book is one on hygienic rather than medical treatment. His motto seems to be, "Throw physic to the dogs, I'll none of it." He urges dietetic reform, air and exercise as remedial agencies. By these means consumption, dyspepsia, enteric disorders and nervous maladies, he teaches, may in a great degree be prevented or cured. His chapters on the alcohol habit are wisely suggestive. If the laws of health here laid down were generally observed, the medical profession would have much less opportunity for the exercise of its skill.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

Our friend D. B. Read, Esq., Q.C., has been contributing to the *Magazine of Western History*, a very handsome and well-illustrated monthly, published at Cleveland, O., an admirable series of papers on the Bar of Upper Canada. His sketches of Chief Justice Osgoode and of Chief Justice Powell are worthy tributes to two distinguished Canadian jurists.

*Parliamentary Practice*, by Dr. NULY (New York: Phillips & Hunt, cloth, 25c.), is a little treatise on this subject which has reached its tenth thousand—a pretty good indication of its merit.

We have received the calendar of the University of Melbourne, Australia—a bound volume of 340 pages—an extraordinary document to issue from a place which forty years ago was a wilderness.