

WE have very much pleasure in inserting from the *Toronto Mail* the following review of Prof. Campbell's new work on the Hittites.—THE EDITORS.

“The Hittites: Their Inscriptions and History” is the title of a most valuable work which will be published within a few weeks in this city. It is by the Rev. Prof. John Campbell, M. A., LL. D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, whose previous writings on ethnological and philological subjects, more especially in connection with early Scriptural history, have gained for him the highest distinction at home and abroad as a scholar and original investigator. His essays on ‘The Origin of the Phœnicians,’ ‘The Horites,’ ‘The Shepherd Kings of Egypt,’ and other papers on cognate subjects have been recognized by Egyptologists as most important contributions to the literature of this important field of historical research. The appearance of the work which he now has in the press has therefore been long and anxiously awaited by those who were aware that he was engaged in its preparation. It embraces the results of twenty years’ close study, and is a worthy monument to the patience and learning of its author. Among its contents are: A translation of all the legible Hittite inscriptions, ten in number, now read for the first time, with grammatical analysis and historical notes; a connection by means of an ancient Hittite document of sacred and profane history from the dispersion of mankind till the fall of the Kingdom of Israel; a chronologically amended history of Egypt, Palestine, Babylonia, Assyria, and Medo-Persia; an account of the origin of Aryan institutions and empire; the history of Hittite dispersion in Europe and Asia; and the story of the peopling of the American continent. This brief outline gives but an imperfect idea of the scope and character of the work, which covers the history of a people, ‘without a record of whose exploits,’ Prof. Campbell says, ‘ancient history can hardly be said to exist.’ It is a work that will appeal most directly to the scientist, but from the perusal of which no ordinary reader of intelligence need shrink. Special pains have been taken, in fact, to make it interesting to ‘the educated reader of the English language.’ To America that portion of the book which traces the origin of the aboriginal tribes of this continent to Hittite invasion by way of the North Pacific ocean will be particularly interesting. But to all students of the Bible, of ancient history, and of anthropological science in all its branches the whole work will be full of the deepest interest. It may, in short, be said that it is one of the most valuable contributions that Canadian literature has yet received, and it will take high rank in the scientific literature of the world.”