

The Early History of the Scottish Union Question. By G. W. T. ORMOND, Author of "Fletcher of Saltoun." Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 90 cents.

It is exceedingly interesting in this jubilee year, when the integration of the empire has become such a prominent idea, to note the steps by which the kingdoms of England and Scotland, so long in deadly feud, became united under one Crown. Earlier attempts at union were made, from Edward I. of England down to William III. In all these movements ecclesiastical questions bulk very largely, as was inevitable in view of the intimate connection of Church and State, and from the strong religious convictions of the Scottish people. Whoever would read a clear, succinct and, we judge, eminently just *résumé* of this stirring tale of mutual hopes and aspirations, and also of jealousies, recriminations and misunderstandings, will find it in this modest and inexpensive volume.

John Armiger's Revenge. By J. HAY HUNTER. Author of "James Inwick," etc. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

Tales of Scottish life, especially of Scottish ministerial life, possess an un-failing interest. This results largely from the intense moral earnestness of Scottish character and its religious principles, staunch and unyielding as the auld Scotia's granite hills. This story of humble peasant life, of the sore temptation of John Armiger to a selfish and stern revenge on the man who wrought him a bitter wrong, of his wrestle with the mounting devil in his heart, of his victory and the nobility of the Gospel revenge whereby he heaped coals of fire upon his enemy's head, are all recorded with rare insight into character, with much dramatic ability, and at

times with intense pathos, will well repay the reading and will leave wholesome lessons behind.

Library of Biblical and Theological Literature. Edited by GEORGE R. CROOKS, D.D., and JOHN F. HURST, D.D. Vol. VII. History of the Christian Church. Vol. I., octavo, pp. xxvi.-948. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$5.00.

We have reserved this monumental book for a more adequate notice than we have here room for.

LITERARY NOTE.

William Briggs has just published an interesting volume entitled "Louisbourg in 1745." This is the letter of a French inhabitant of Louisbourg, Cape Breton, written during the siege of Louisbourg, in 1745, by New England militia troops—one of the most striking military exploits in history. The letter contains a vivid narrative of events from the French standpoint. It was first printed in 1745 and is now extremely rare, only three or four copies being known to exist. Parkman made great use of it, having had access to a manuscript copy of the exemplar of the original edition in the Bibliothèque Nationale at Paris. The small volume bears the curious imprint: "Quebec, Published by William the Sincere, at the sign of Truth." The book was probably, however, printed in France, for no books were printed in Canada prior to the British conquest. The reprint is now edited and translated into English by George M. Wrong, M.A., Professor of History in the University of Toronto. It contains seventy-five pages, large octavo, on heavy card paper, rough finish. Only four hundred copies are offered for sale. The price (paper cover) is seventy-five cents.

AUTUMN.

Thou comest, Autumn, to unlade
Thy wealthy freight of summer shade,
Still sorrowful as in past years,
Yet mild and sunny in thy tears,
Ripening and hardening all thy growth
Of solid wood, yet nothing loath
To waste upon the frolic breeze
Thy leaves like flights of golden bees.

Have I laid by from summer hours
Ripe fruits as well as leaves and flowers?
Has my past year a growth to harden
As well as fewer sins to pardon?
Is God in all things more and more
A king within me than before?
I wish more simply, Lord, to be
Ailing or well, always with Thee.

—F. W. Faber.