

thanks, also, for a generous fulfilment of his engagements to the subscribers for his work. This is the first book issued by subscription that we know of that gives more than the prospectus promised.

The book is larger, and contains more pages than was promised. It is printed and bound in far better style than we expected, and the index is simply perfect. It is of course impossible to give anything but a mere notice of the book in the pages of the RECORD. We must refer readers to the work itself. No doubt had Mr. Campbell been able to give two or three years more to its preparation, it would have been a more finished production. But as it is, we have read it with unflinching interest from the first page to the last. It is healthy in tone, fair and frank in statement, and, above all, is eminently readable, and that, we believe, was the author's great aim. It is a book to be read aloud by reading clubs, or at the firesides of our people during the long winter nights. They will be astonished to find how much romance there is in the history of their little Province; the long struggles between the French and the British for its ownership; the warlike activity of the ancestors of our handful of degraded Micmacs; the episode of the expelled Acadians; the capture of Louisburg, and the settling of Halifax—which, by the way, is admirably told; the incidents of the Maroons, the Shannon and the Chesapeake, and many others; and the constitutional battles in which way was made only inch by inch. The number of celebrated men that the Province has produced is also remarkable. In literature and science, Haliburton and Dawson; in war, Generals Inglis, Williams, Beckwith; in politics, Howe, the Youngs, the Archibalds, Johnstone.

We are thankful that we can at length put into the hands of our people, or of strangers, "The History of Nova Scotia."

II.—THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

A volume with the above title will shortly be issued from the press of Messrs. Lent & Co., New York, which is intended for circulation amongst the Presbyterian homes of our Dominion, as well as the United States. It will be

nearly uniform with the Reunion Memorial Volume which this firm issued in commemoration of the union of Presbyterians of the old and new Schools. We learn with pleasure, from advanced sheets we have been permitted to see, that many of the chapters of the Memorial Volume will be incorporated with this—those, for example, by Rev. Drs. Hall, Adams, Miller, Stearns, Sprague, Humphrey, Jacobus, Fowler, and Plumley. There is presented along with these valuable papers, a history of Presbyterianism from its origin in Apostolic times, embracing the growth and spread of the system throughout all lands, until the Pentecostal period in which we live, when all the scattered Presbyterian families are coming together in the bonds of brotherly love. We are sure it will be a work full of interesting and profitable matter, such as our countrymen love to have in their homes for reading on Sundays or the long evenings of winter. The book is adorned with striking portraits of illustrious men, such as Drs. Chalmers, Barnes, and many others, and with beautiful sketches of the suffering martyrs, and scenery that will forever be associated with the memorable events of Presbyterian history. It will be observed, by an advertisement in the RECORD, that agents are wanted throughout the Dominion to canvass for the sale of this work.

The Sabbath School.

LESSONS FOR JANUARY.

FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—*The House of Bondage, Exod. i 17-14. Golden Text, John 8 34.*

V. 7—These expressive terms describe the great and rapid increase of Israel. Under Joseph and his royal patron they enjoyed great prosperity. Their numbers doubled every 14 years. So rapidly can God enlarge His spiritual Israel when He pleases. A nation shall be born in a day.

Vv. 8.—About 60 years after Joseph's death the old dynasty was overthrown, and Upper and Lower Egypt were united into one Kingdom. The new king knew not Joseph. He forge his invaluable services to the country in its extreme peril.