

brethren on the grand work they have thus been enabled to do for God and for their country. Our own Book Rooms have already, on a smaller scale, and in our more limited field, rendered very valuable service in the moral education of the people of Canada. Of this work we shall endeavour to give statistical information in an early number. We must continue to emulate our neighbours' example, and we ask all our ministers and people to co-operate with the authorized agencies of our Church in leavening more and more the national life of our country with the principles of sound morality and true religion.

DR. RYERSON'S EPOCHS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CANADIAN METHODISM.

The series of essays by Dr. Ryerson under the above title, begun in this number, will be the most important series which have ever appeared in its pages. They will embody the results of the experience and observation of the venerable author throughout a long and active life. No man living has had a larger share in securing the civil and religious liberties in Canada which we all to-day enjoy. In these essays he will record the efforts by which these liberties were obtained, together with much more information of special interest. The venerable

Nestor will recount the struggles of his prime—all which he saw and in a great part of which he held a foremost place.

The Essays will be twelve in number, and the following will be the subjects :—

I. The Loyal Origin of Methodism.

II. The Benevolent Character of Canadian Methodism; its Early Agency and Agents; their Sacrifices and Labours.

III. The Supernatural Character of Canadian Methodism.

IV. The Phenomena and Philosophy of Methodist Revivals of Religion.

V. The Marvellous Success of Canadian Methodism.

VI. Methodism the Pioneer and Promoter of Religious Liberty in Upper Canada.

VII. Methodism and the Clergy Reserve Controversy.

VIII. Ryanite Division.

IX. First Union between the English and Canadian Conferences, and its Conditions in respect to the Clergy Reserve Question—its Dissolution.

X. Methodist Episcopal Division.

XI. Re-union between the English and Canadian Conferences, and its Beneficial Results.

XII. Present State and Prospects of Canadian Methodism.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

BY THE REV. E. BARRASS, M.A.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Rev. John Kilner, one of the General Secretaries, is now visiting the missions in South Africa. He is an old missionary, and, can sympathize with those who occupy posts of danger in the fields of missionary toil. His visit will extend over several months, and, will no doubt, be of great service to the good cause.

Rev. John Walton, M.A., Chair-

man of Graham's Town District, South Africa, sends a most graphic account of the dedication services of the "Kama Memorial Chapel," at Annshaw, at which he and other missionaries preached. Chief Kama was a young man when the late Rev. W. Shaw commenced his mission among the Kafirs in 1823, and from that time until his death both he and his wife were not only friends of