

a Methodist Church at Bar Harbour, Mount Desert. The church was unfinished, and the strong resinous smell of the fresh pine blended with the fragrance of the flowers with which it was decorated. Amid these surroundings the great Presbyterian divine showed his true catholicity by helping, in a very material as well as in a spiritual sense, the poor Methodist congregation of that remote place. The subject was the importunity of the Cyro-Phoenician woman. The sermon was such an excellent one that we asked the preacher for his manuscript for this *MAGAZINE*, in which, in due time, it appeared. It now appears as the fifth sermon in this admirable collection. Other sermons discuss such important topics as, the nature of faith and repentance, the offices of the spirit, the sifting of Peter, the royal law of love, waiting for God, and kindred themes. These are well called Gospel Sermons, for they are filled with its very marrow and fatness.

Memories of the Crusade—an account of the Great Uprising of the Women of Ohio in 1873 against the Liquor Crime. By "MOTHER STEWART," the leader. Columbus: O. W. G. Hubbard & Co. 8vo, pp. 535. Price \$2.00.

The appropriate motto on the title-page of this book reads "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." This is a tale not of bloodshed and strife, in the effort to rescue the tomb of Christ from the grasp of the infidel, but of faith and prayer in the holy purpose to save His living image from the snare of the devil. It records as remarkable a movement as any of the great popular enthusiasms of the Middle Ages. A number of earnest-souled women, full of sympathy for the victims of the liquor crime, resolved by God's help to abate the evil if possible. They met for prayer. They visited the saloons. They besought the liquor-dealers to abandon their wretched business. They sang and prayed in the taverns; when driven into the street they sang and prayed on the sidewalk. The movement spread from town to town. The best ladies

in the land took part in the new crusade. Hundreds of saloons were closed through the moral influence of the movement. Crime was reduced. Saloon-keepers went into honest modes of earning a living. Many families were rescued from poverty and wretchedness. Of course, the agents of the traffic raged. "Society" lifted up its hands in holy horror. The whole thing was extremely "irregular"—yes, blessedly irregular. But the conscience of the community was touched, and the temperance movement received such an impetus as perhaps never before on this continent. It was no merely transient enthusiasm, soon spent and forgotten. It has crystallized into the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with over a million members; one of the most potent agencies of the age for moulding opinion on the great Temperance Reform. The volume before us is one of absorbing interest. It abounds in passages of touching pathos and of striking humour. Brave "Mother Stewart"—a true mother to hundreds of soldiers of the Union during the War—exhibited a still nobler heroism in striving to save the nation from the thralldom of the liquor vice and crime.

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This valuable addition to Canadian Methodist literature, is published under the auspices of the Theological Unions of Victoria and Mount Allison Colleges, under the direction of able managing and corresponding editors. It will furnish an admirable repository for the excellent essays and sermons delivered before the Theological Colleges, which have heretofore appeared in separate pamphlets, which were, therefore, difficult of preservation, as well as for other high-class theological contributions. The initial number is handsomely printed and contains the following articles, which are in every way worthy of the reputation of their writers: "Perfect Love," by the