

tendency in books of devotion to turn the reader's attention to himself rather than to Christ. But Dr. Hoyt has avoided in an admirable manner anything like encouraging egotism in the reader.

The book consists of a series of talks of different lengths, on some of the common matters of the practical daily life. The style is simple and earnest, and filled with spiritual thoughts. But there is also a brave spirit of manly Christianity underlying the whole in a way that is most refreshing. His epigrammatic way of stating truth is also helpful; we should like to quote, but it is difficult to choose. Perhaps the following passage, on continuance in well doing, will show something of his style:—

“O Sabbath school teacher, faithful church member, the very time when your continuance is most needed is precisely the difficult and disheartening time when others are letting go and giving up. “What did you see,” asked some one of a Captain of Artillery, at Waterloo. “See?” he replied, “nothing but dust and smoke.” “What did you do?” was the next question, “I stood by my guns,” he answered. Let us stand by our guns, though our poor eyes are blinded to the issue of the conflict. There can never be victory if we retreat, and play the coward. Each day the duty for the day, do that and keep on doing it.”

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THE CITY AND THE LAND. Published for the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, 24 Hanover Sq. W. By A. P. Watt, 2 Pater-noster Square, E.C. London, 1892.

This book consists of a course of seven lectures, delivered as we are told in the preface, “by distinguished scholars and explorers, with the object of bringing the aims and chief results of the labours of the Fund, before the public in an attractive and popular way.” We venture to think that the book will do more; it will tend to strengthen the conviction of many that the modern theories which cast discredit on the Word of God, are utterly unreliable. The lectures consist for the most part of a plain unvarnished statement of facts, about the work done in Palestine by the efforts of the “Fund.” Colonel Sir Charles Wilson, tells us of ancient Jerusalem, as described by Josephus, found by excavation to be precisely as that histories described it, and expresses a “wish that people in England, would buy ground in Jerusalem upon which excavations can be carried out.” Major Conder speaks of the future of Palestine, if the natural tendencies observed since the Society began its work are allowed to continue; and by a careful sketch of the different processes at work with regard to colonization, civilization, &c. he fully justifies his closing words, “The Palestine Exploration Fund began its labours, only with the object of casting a newer and a truer light on the Bible. Yet it has thereby perhaps become instrumental in