

by Dr. Shaff, and other contributions of distinguished merit.

*The Doctrine of Future Punishment, as held by Orthodox Churches, and as Taught in the Sacred Scriptures.* By WILLIAM COOKE, D.D. pp. 45. London: H. Webber. And Methodist Book Rooms.

This pamphlet, Dr. Cooke informs us, grew out of the frequent letters of enquiry sent him by persons whose minds had evidently been unsettled by the recent speculations on the subject of the future punishment of the wicked. The tract is admirably adapted to sweep away the sophisms by which the plain teachings of Scripture have been obscured, and to set forth its unequivocal testimony on this solemn and important subject. It is characterized by Dr. Cooke's usual lucid and vigorous style, and condensation of thought and expression.

*Night Sides of City Life.* By T. DEWITT TALMAGE, D.D. pp. 161. Methodist Book-Rooms. Price, unbound, 50 cents.

It was our fortune to hear in the same day both Henry Ward Beecher and T. DeWitt Talmage preach. As an intellectual masterpiece, the sermon of Beecher bore the palm, but as a moral power that of the latter was far superior. Of Talmage's congregation of 5,000, about half remained for a prayer-meeting, and about 200, chiefly young men, stood up to ask the prayers of the Church. We were informed this takes place nearly every Sunday. We do not specially admire the fervid rhetoric of the Tabernacle preacher, but we rejoice in his moral power over the masses, and in his vast influence for good through his printed sermons, wherever the English language is spoken. The sermons in this pamphlet, twelve in number, are those which excited such an excitement, for and against them, in Brooklyn, and throughout the country. To our judgment they commend themselves highly. While they utter sad truths that make both ears of the guilty to

tingle they contain no word that should make the cheek of maiden modesty, or youthful innocence to blush. In nothing does the preacher pand'r to a depraved imagination, but he utters with boldness, faithful words of warning to young and old alike. He seems, herein, like one of the Hebrew prophets raised up to denounce the wrath of God against the crying evils of the time, and to summon men to purity of heart and life.

*The Relation of the Methodist Church to Dancing, with Reasons therefor.* By Rev. B. B. KEEFER. Methodist Book Rooms.

This is the substance of a sermon preached by Mr. Keefer in the City of Hamilton, which attracted much attention from the city press. He brings a severe, but we judge not too severe, indictment against the practice of modern dancing as a cause of much moral depravation, and tending in its nature to irreligion and open immorality. He indicates the wisdom of the rule of our Church with respect to this amusement, and with no small degree of moral courage unmasks the fatal tendency of the practice. It will be an evil day for Methodism should its wise rule in this respect ever become relaxed. We bespeak for this pamphlet, where such a tendency is apparent, a wide circulation, as a faithful warning against an insidious evil.

*A Discourse on Transubstantiation.* By the Rev. ALFRED ANDREWS. Methodist Book Rooms.

This is a reply to a Sermon by the Rev. Father Molphy, of the Roman Catholic Church of Strathroy, defending the Tridentine theory of the Real Presence. Mr. Andrews shows not only by an appeal to common sense and to Scripture, but also to the most illustrious Fathers of the early Church, that that doctrine is opposed to reason, to revelation, and to the traditions and creed of the Church in the days of its primitive