

professional reputation, that for a man in ordinary health, it is better to be an abstainer than to indulge habitually, however temperately, in such things as were comprehended under the head of strong liquors. In certain diseases, no doubt, these things were necessary, but in three-fourths of the cases the treatment was more successful without them. Principal Cunningham had recently warned his students against the danger of drinking habits, saying he had no hesitation in stating that if they would just de facto abandon the use of intoxicating liquors, the aggregate result would be of prodigious benefit to themselves, to the community, and to the Church of Christ."

### Notices of Recent Publications.

**SERMONS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS:** By Rev. John Harris, D. D., late President of New College, London; Author of "The Great Teacher," &c., &c. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. New York: Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. Sold by J. C. Geikie, Toronto.

These sermons from part of the posthumous works of the late Dr. Harris, edited by his late colleague, the Rev. Phillip Smith. The publication of posthumous works generally manifests the affection and partiality of surviving friends, more than their judgment and discretion, and often does little to add to the literary fame of the authors. But in the present instance, this cannot be said to be the case. The sermons were all delivered on special occasions during the period of their author's highest reputation as a preacher.—They appear to have been carefully prepared, and we presume the editor has had comparatively little to do in bringing the volume through the press. The Sermons are, as might have been expected, evangelical and powerful. Most of them appear to have been preached on the occasions of opening places of worship, and of missionary meetings. We regard them as worthy of being carefully studied by students and ministers as well as by general readers.

**THE CITY: Its Sins and Sorrows.** Being a series of Sermons from Luke 19th, 41. By Thomas Guthrie, D.D., Author of "The Gospel in Ezekiel," &c., &c. New York: Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

The present volume by Dr. Guthrie is on the important subject of the sins and vices of large towns and cities, and more especially intemperance, one of the great springs of licentiousness, and all the other vices, which render our cities such masses of corruption.—These are subjects with which the benevolent heart of Dr. Guthrie has long been familiar. And where is the tongue that can so eloquently describe, or the pen that can so graphically portray the evils arising from prevailing intemperance? The series of sermons in this little volume is four, and subjoined is an appendix of great value, containing some most astounding but most reliable facts with reference to the extent of crime in cities and its connexion with intemperance. We need such ministers and men in our Canadian cities, who will boldly grapple with the evil, and affectionately, but yet faithfully, call attention to the outcasts for whose souls few alas care.

**SELECT WORKS OF THOMAS CHALMERS, D. D. AND L.L.D.** Edited by his Son-in-law, the Rev. W. Hanna, L.L.D. Edinburgh: T. Constable, & Co. Toronto: J. C. Geikie.

We have now received the last two volumes of this excellent edition of the works of Dr. Chalmers. The eleventh volume contains his treatise on 'Church and College Establishments'—'Church Extension'—and 'The Parochial System.' And the twelfth contains 'Sketches of Moral and Mental Philosophy,' together with introductory Essays, and some minor tracts and essays. We have more than once expressed our very decided approbation of this cheap and really handsome edition, and we would again earnestly recommend it to all who are not possessors of the works of one of Scotland's greatest divines.

**DEBORAH: Or Fireside Readings for Household Servants,** with a postscript for Masters and Mistresses. By the Rev. Norman McLeod, Minister of Barony Parish, Glasgow, Author of "The Earnest Student," &c. Edinburgh: Thomas Constable, & Co. Toronto: J. C. Geikie.

The present volume contains in a somewhat expanded form the substance of a lecture delivered to domestic servants by the author.—The subject taken up is one of great importance indeed, and one intimately connected with our own comfort, and the welfare and eternal interests of our children. Many are the complaints in the present day of the inconveniences and annoyances connected with domestic servants. Doubtless they are not what they formerly were. We seldom now see such an old family servant as we find described in Mr. McLeod's book. But we fear there is a change too in Masters and Mistresses, and in the relation and bearing between them and their domestics.—Hence we look with favour on every attempt to bring about a better and happier state of things, and to draw the cords of christian regard and interest between employers and the employed. The author has done his part, as usual, in a very admirable manner. The volume embraces six chapters under the following titles, viz.,—'The Value of the Servant in God's sight.' 'The Value of the Christian Servant to the Family.' 'The Old Family Servant.' 'Servants of Christ.' 'The Master in Heaven.' 'Postscript to Masters and Mistresses.'

**A SERMON ON CHRISTIAN UNION:** Printed at the "Index" office, Newburgh, C. W.

We notice this sermon simply for the purpose of drawing attention to the false statement contained in the following extract:—

"The Church at Home has been much to blame in this respect, that under her sanction there has been imported into this country from time to time, so much religious intolerance, under the garb of freedom. The cunning politician thinks that he has made a profitable dodge in tactics of diplomacy, when by the assumption of a new name, he may carry out the most nefarious designs. Would that this kind of diplomacy had never been introduced into the Canadian Church. When the Free Church first sent missionaries to this country, they assumed the name of "Free"; after a time this title was set aside, for the now impos-

ing and attractive one, "Canadian." This is somewhat of a Jesuitical dodge; and would remind a careful observer rather of the apostles of Loyola, than of Christ. It is a characteristic of Jesuitism, that it accommodates itself to the genius of every country, where it has taken up its abode. A regard to sacred truth, implies honesty of purpose; and surely, if ever honesty were required at the hands of a people, it will naturally be, of those who profess to be a religious people. But so it is, truth has in all ages of the Church suffered most at the hands of her own professed votaries."

It is scarcely necessary for us to say that the statement as to a change of name is utterly false. From the original organization of our Church, our name has been what it is to-day. The sentence which follows the above extract is to the following effect.

"Let the constraining motive of every professing Christian be truth—truth in all its fair and beautiful relations, and it will do much to heal the wounds of party strife."

We would recommend the writer of the sermon in question, to apply this to himself. In this case he has acted in a manner sadly inconsistent with the spirit which he recommends.

**THE LITTLE CHILD'S BOOK OF DIVINITY: Or Grand-Mamma's Stories about Bible Doctrines.** By the author of 'Morning and Night Watches,' &c., &c. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

In this little volume, the great doctrines of the word of God are set forth and explained in a simple and interesting manner to children. It may be regarded as a good companion to the Shorter Catechism, and an excellent aid to the mother in her important work of guiding the minds of the young to a knowledge of the precious truths recorded in God's holy word.

### BOOKS RECEIVED FOR NOTICE.

Preceptors of Knox—Patrick Hamilton—from J. C. Geikie.

Life and Ministry of Spurgeon—from D. McLellan.

### MONEY'S RECEIVED UP TO 23RD SEPT.

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