

school work of the author, her consecration to temperance work, campaign incidents in the Duncan Act, and crusade movement against the liquor traffic throughout Canada and the neighbouring Republic, as well as in Great Britain, are graphically described. The book is as interesting as a novel, abounds in thrilling incident, cogent argument and tragic illustration of the evils of intemperance.

Mrs. Youmans' stirring addresses "Haman's Licence" and "Building the Walls," which Miss Willard pronounces among the most forcible appeals ever uttered for prohibitory law, are here given. This narrative has been dictated from a couch of pain, but no glimpse of repining or complaint appears in its pages.

Every member of the W. C. T. U., and every temperance worker, should possess this book, and by its purchase contribute to the comfortable maintenance of the author, now that she is unable to be self-supporting by any other means. Miss Willard pays the following tribute to this Canadian mother in Israel: "All honour to brave Letitia Youmans, and may 'the ripe, round, mellow years' of her life's benignant afternoon be crowded full of trophies for the Master whom she loves; for although she now lies on a bed of pain, having been prostrated by that most agonizing disease, inflammatory rheumatism, in August, 1889, our Canadian Great-heart, with her blithe and sunny spirit, still illustrates that wonderful saying of holy writ, 'The Lord hath not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, and of life, and of a sound mind.'"

*Primary Convictions.* By WILLIAM ALEXANDER, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. New York: Harper Bros. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo. Pp. xvi.-322.

Bishop Pierson's "Lectures on the Creed" have long held a foremost place as a defence of the faith that is in us. Side by side with this must be placed this recent volume

of sermons delivered before the president, faculty and students of Columbia College, New York. The great fundamental truths of Christianity are here strongly and clearly set forth and vindicated. The author is a man of profound learning and of great candour and ability. We do not see how even the most skeptically inclined could read these lectures without being convinced of the divine origin of our holy religion and of the authenticity and indubitable veracity of God's revelation of Himself to man. The lecture on the crowning miracle, the Resurrection of Jesus, is one of the noblest of the series. Beside the literary merit and intellectual grasp of these sermons, we commend the devout and reverent spirit and religious fervour. They will be for Sunday-school teachers and Bible students a good preparation for the series of international lessons for 1894 on the Life of Christ.

*Barnabas, or The Great Renunciation.* By G. BUCHANAN RYLEY. London: Religious Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is an exceedingly interesting and instructive book on the life and character of the "Son of Consolation." Special emphasis is laid upon his great renunciation of his goods to feed the poor, an embodiment of the ideal Christian communion. The volume discusses from the Christian standpoint some of the burning questions of the day, such as, "The Rights of Property," and "The Christian Discharge of Social Responsibilities." It is written with marked ability and with full knowledge of the conditions and environment of the early Church. It will be a helpful aid to the inductive study of the New Testament. It is curious to notice that the glamour of Venus Aphrodite has left its witchery and curse on the Island of Cyprus, a remnant of which lasts to this day in the worship of the mother of Jesus, under the name Aphroditissa.