

Our Strength and Stay.

BY M. LOUIS SWART.

In life's morn ere passion blind us,
Ere the chains of self shall bind us,
Following the path assigned us,
Saviour, be our strength and stay.

When temptations gather round us,
When life's problems would confound us,
Throw thy loving arms around us;
Saviour, be our strength and stay.

In life's noontide walk beside us,
Then, whatever may betide us,
We are safe if thou dost guide us;
Saviour, be our strength and stay.

Thou whose love and pity sought us,
Thou whose precious blood hath bought us,
Full and free salvation wrought us,
Saviour, be our strength and stay.

In life's evening be thou near us,
By thy words comfort and cheer us,
In our supplications hear us,—
Saviour, be our strength and stay.

Book Notices.

By way of the Wilderness. By MRS. G. R. ALDEN ("Pansy") and MRS. C. M. LIVINGSTON. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. vii-330.

This is the English edition of another story by Mrs. Alden, in collaboration with another accomplished writer. Yet so closely woven is the warp and woof of the tale that even the higher critics, who think they can disentangle the braids of the interwoven Pentateuch, would find it extremely difficult to discriminate between the twin writers of this book.

Sunday-School Praises. Prepared especially for use in the Sunday-school. By WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs.

The reputation of Mr. Kirkpatrick as an editor and composer of music is well known. He has collected here one hundred and seventy-seven hymns and tunes, for the most part new. The Gospel in song will often enter the heart where the preached Word will not. Every great revival has been marked by an outburst of

song in the Forward Movement on which the churches of Christendom are entering with the close of this century and the beginning of the new, the help of just such a hymnal as this will be invaluable.

Foreign Missions of the Protestant Churches. By STEPHEN L. BALDWIN, D.D. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 272. Price, \$1.00.

The century now drawing to a close has been specially a century of missions. The growth of missions has been its most marked note. It is specially fitting that their wonderful story should be put on record in concise and permanent form. This Dr. Baldwin has done in this admirable volume. He discusses the nature and scope of missions, true and false conceptions of missionary work, the call and qualifications of missionaries, home organizations and methods, methods of administration in the foreign field, and then records the origin and growth of Protestant missions, of British, Continental, American, and Canadian missionary societies, woman's work and mission progress at home and abroad. Due justice is hardly done the Methodist Church in Canada by the statement that it raises for its foreign work about \$42,000. While our Indian mission work is within the bounds of the Dominion, still it is as purely missionary in character as any in Darkest Africa, in India, China or Japan.

Labour for Souls.

BY REV. W. A. SMITH, D.D.

I am almost "cranky" on the subject of personal work. I was reached in that way myself. When I had no intention of becoming a Christian, a godly man persisted in his urgent request for immediate decision and I finally yielded. Since then nearly two thousand souls have been led to Christ under my ministry during twenty years in the pastorate and nearly all of them have been reached by personal effort. Some such have thanked God and the workers after surrendering that we "did not let them alone," which many such toilers have said they had found a sweeter happiness since they began such service than they ever knew before. It was the Master's method, and it is to be his disciple's also.