

of the Blessed Life, in a series of chapters full of wise thought and suggestion. To the charm of literary grace is added the higher grace of spiritual insight and sympathy. Several of these chapters have passed the literary ordeal of previous publication in those popular monthlies the *Quiver* and *Sunday Magazine*. This beautiful red-lined, red-edged volume is an appropriate setting of its contents.

*Forewarned—Forearmed.* By J. THAIN DAVIDSON, D.D. Pp. 286. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price \$1.25.

This is a volume of admirable counsels to young men. Dr. Davidson is pastor of a church in the greatest city in the world—a city where the temptations to evil, and the opportunities of getting or doing good are more numerous than anywhere else. His faithful warnings and wise advice, if heeded and followed, will save many a young man from making shipwreck of body and soul amid the perils of a great city. It is a most suitable present from a father to his son on leaving home.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

The *New Princeton Review* for March is of even greater interest than that for January. It opens with an exquisite critical article on the poet Gray, by James Russell Lowell, late American Minister at the Court of Great Britain, himself one of the most charming writers living of prose or verse. Contemporary English Ethics—Just Scales—a striking article on national honesty—Federal aid in Education—the Redemption of Niagara, a striking Norwegian story, and a variety of keen criticisms and reviews complete the number. We are glad to learn that this *Review* is, from the very start, a pronounced success. New York: A. C. Armstrong. Bi-monthly. \$3 a-year.

*Art and Decoration.* An Illustrated Monthly. Each number con-

tains fifty illustrations in brown and black. The leading exponent of the progress of decorative art and devoted to the development of the highest artistic ideas in connection with every branch of industry to which art is ancillary. No architect, decorative artist, art student or art amateur should be without it. For sale by all newsdealers. Publication office: Warren Street, New York. Ed. Hugh Brown, Publisher. \$2.50 per annum. The February number is the handsomest that has come under our notice—very elegant.

*Smooth Stones from Scripture Streams.* By MR. and MRS. GEO. C. NEEDHAM. 12mo, pp. 212. Price \$1.00. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. This volume is the result of a combined authorship. Mr. and Mrs. Needham, the distinguished evangelists, have put into it the labour of many years, in the hope that it may be of permanent value in the home and study. It need not be said that their labour has not been in vain; a volume has been produced which will be exceedingly useful to all Bible students.

We have received from the Florida R. R. and Navigation Co., to whom we are indebted for the beautiful cuts in our December number, their new illustrated pamphlet of 160 pages on the picturesque character and agricultural and other resources of that great State. They own one of the greatest lines in the South, controlling about 500 miles in the State and a million acres of its best land. It traverses in its Northern section the oldest and best settled parts of the State. Upon it are situated Tallahassee, the capital, and Jacksonville and Fernandina, its largest towns. Almost every place of importance, Cedar Keys, Leesburg, Tampa, etc., is reached by its Southern extensions, which penetrate the best orange-growing region. Persons purposing to visit the South for business, or for health or pleasure, will do well to send to A. O. MacDonell, the General Passenger Agent of this road, for a copy of this beautiful pamphlet, or for any information they desire about the State and its resources.