

and yet are not so burdened with trivial matters as to destroy or weaken their interest. To each section, embracing the ladies of each country referred to, there is a valuable historical introduction; by this means unity is given to the separate Memoirs, and a bird's-eye view is obtained of the great events in which these heroines bore no inconspicuous a part. We can conceive of no reading that is so well calculated to give noble thoughts to the young ladies of the present generation, and to inspire them with noble purposes as this is; the style is remarkably pleasing and lively; dramatic and stirring events are forcibly and broadly depicted. The author in the preparation of his work has evidently ransacked the sources of history in various languages with much zeal and erudite care. We know of no other book in any language, and certainly not in our own, in which the same kind and amount of historical information can be obtained. In commendation of the "getting up," we have only to say that this volume is from the press of the Messrs. Blackie: the binding is really beautiful, and the typography, for excellency, is incomparable; the wood-cut illustrations with which the book is profusely adorned are by superior artists, and in the best style of engraving. We unhesitatingly recommend this volume as one of the most beautifully executed and most interesting on the subject of which it treats that we know of, and well worthy of a place in every parlour library.

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THE CITY,—ITS SINS AND SORROWS. By THOMAS GUTHRIE, D. D. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Montreal: B. Dawson. p.p. 115.

Dr. Guthrie has long been known in Scotland as a vivid and eloquent Preacher, and each revolving year seems to enhance his fame, and widen his popularity. His name has also been connected with important philanthropic movements, especially with the institution of Ragged Schools. He has not written much for the press, but the publication of a volume of Sermons, under the title "The Gospel in Ezekiel," has in late years secured to him a high repute wherever English religious literature is read. The little work now before us well sustains the Author's fame, and cannot be read without leaving a powerful impression on the mind.

In a series of sermons on our Lord weeping over Jerusalem, (Luke xix. 41,) Dr. Guthrie exposes the sins and sorrows of the populace of Edinburgh; and the main features of the description are only too applicable to all the large Towns in Great Britain and Ireland. The four gigantic evils exposed are prostitution, drunkenness, ignorance, and irreligion. The sermons abound in passages of very striking, and sometimes pathetic writing; and one can scarcely read the book without tears. In the appendix are furnished statistics and facts of the most painful and affecting character. Having described the prevalent evils of great cities, Dr. Guthrie does not omit to suggest and urge the proper remedies, and addresses the most powerful appeal to the Church, to the individual Christian, and to the State.

We trust that this volume will receive the careful attention of a large circle of readers in this country. Temperance Societies ought to press its circulation, or extract portions and scatter them over town and country in the form of Tracts.

We have no space for quotations, but having read the volume, give it our unhesitating and cordial commendation, as one of the noblest utterances of Christian Philanthropy to be found in the English Language. ✕