

Good Books for Teachers.

FROM the Wesleyan Conference office (Charles H. Kelly, London) we have received a number of books which will be of special value to Sunday-school teachers as well as to the general public :

Gates of Imagery; or, Anecdotal and Other Illustrations of Religious Truth. By the REV. J. MARRAT. London: Charles H. Kelly.

The best preaching and teaching is that which abounds in illustrations. These are the barbed arrows that remain fixed in mind and heart. Here are some hundreds of well-selected anecdotes and incidents which can often be used with great advantage to enforce the teachings of the Word of God. The writer is a veteran Methodist minister, and we doubt not has gleaned these from his own wide experience, observation and reading.

A Manual of Modern Church History. By W. F. SLATER, M.A., Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Didsbury College. Same publishers.

It is often hard to answer the questions which are asked, or which one asks himself respecting the different Churches of Christendom. Of course there are ecclesiastical histories which record their rise and growth; but many busy people have not the time nor the opportunity to consult these. Here, in a book of only 230 pages, is given a condensed account of the principal Churches—the Greek, the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Angloan and different Nonconformist Churches; the Swedenborgians, Plymouth Brethren, Postivists, and the like. It is indeed a *multum in parvo*.

The Upper Room. By JOHN WATSON (IAN MACLAREN), author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush." New York: Dodd, Mead & Company. Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price, 50 cents.

The name of "Ian Maclaren" has within a year become a household word throughout the English-speaking world. His touching pictures of Domsie, of Dr. Maclure, of Drumshough and Jamie Soutar have made these pictures of his brain almost as familiar as our best friends in flesh and blood. But he is not merely a teacher in story and parable; he is an eloquent preacher and pastor. This little book treats chiefly on the last days of Jesus. It will be especially appropriate for reading in connection with the Lenten season and with the concurrent Sunday-school studies of the Passion of our Lord.

"*Probable Sons.*" By the Author of "Eric's Good News." London: The Religious Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 35 cents.

This is a beautiful story of child-life of more than ordinary interest. The little creature using this long word intended to say "prodigal," but got things a little mixed. The story describes the influence on rich and titled people of a little child, and illustrates the Scripture, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise," and "A little child shall lead them."

The Circuit Rider. A Tale of the Heroic Age of American Methodism. By EDWARD EGGLESTON. Same publishers.

This is the best dramatic portrayal that we know of early Methodism on this continent. It describes the coming of the circuit rider to the Hoosier State, the conflict of Methodism with ungodliness and semi-barbarism, and the trials and triumphs of that heroic age. It has a good deal akin of the growth of Methodism in Canada, although the conditions of society, in even the most primitive times of our country, were not as rude as those in Indiana in the period here portrayed. This book should be in every Methodist Sunday-school library.

An Introduction to the Study of New Testament Greek. By JAMES HOPE MOULTON, M.A., late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Same publishers.

Many a Sunday-school teacher would find it a comparatively easy task to learn enough Greek to read for himself the New Testament in the original. The late Robert Wilkes, Esq., M.P., who had slight educational advantages in his youth, and who earned his own living and that of others dependent on him from his boyhood, when he was carrying on a large business which involved much travel and almost ceaseless labour, acquired a working knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew, and sufficient acquaintance with German and, we think, of French to do business in both these languages. Elisha Burritt, working for ten hours at the forge, found time to learn about a score of languages. With the aid of the little book above mentioned and a Greek New Testament, and *the will to do it*, in a few months one could learn to read the oracles of God in the language in which they were given.

THANKS TO OUR God we pay ;
For smile and tear,
For grief and cheer,
For gain, for loss,
For crown, for cross,
Thanks to our God this day.

—Oxford.