

Hugh Montgomery: or, the Experiences of an Irish Minister and Temperance Reformer. Pp. 416. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The subject of this book was well worth sketching. Immigrating in early life to Canada, he was converted under the preaching of the Rev. Thomas Derrick, of our own Church. He entered one of the New England Conferences, and became a very successful preacher and temperance reformer. Of strong character, firm will, and dauntless daring, he bearded the drink demon in his den, procuring in two years two hundred arrests and prosecutions for violations of the license law, and ninety per cent. of those were convicted. His life was often threatened, and again and again he was fired at; but no perils prevented him from waging unceasing war against the greatest evil of the age. The book abounds in striking incidents and racy anecdotes illustrating his remarkable career.

The Secret of Success; or, How to get on in th. World: with some Remarks on True and False Success, and the art of making the best Use of Life. By W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS. Crown 8vo., pp. 383. New York: Geo. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$1.75.

The author of this book is a veteran *litterateur*, and he here gives us the result of his life-long observation and reflection on the elements of success. It is emphatically a book for young men. The author discourses wisely, and with copious anecdotal illustration, on such themes as Time and its Uses; Aims in Life; The Three P's — Punctuality, Prudence, and Perseverance; Business Habits; The Race and the Athlete; Self-Help, Reasonable Service, and True Success. The author appeals to the

highest motives, and sees in the approval of God and welfare of our fellow men the noblest guerdon of success. Sir George Mackenzie, he states, was of opinion that irreligious men could never make good statesmen, "for none are such, save those who, from a principle of conviction (say rather a religious sense of duty), manage public affairs to the advantage of those who employ them." "I fancy," continues our author, "the rule may be universally applied; and that men, indifferent to religious considerations, cannot make good artists, good poets, good members of society." We would like to place this book in the hands of every man setting out in life.

Sir John Franklin. By A. H. BEESLEY, M.A. New Plutarch Series. Pp. 238. New York: George P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

The story of Sir John Franklin possesses special interest to Canadian readers. Many of his laurels were won in exploring what is now our North-West Territory—the great Northern lakes and the Saskatchewan and Copper mine rivers. His first Arctic journey was one of the most eventful ever recorded. Of twenty-four men with him, ten died, and the survivors underwent unspeakable hardships. But the chief interest attaches to that last expedition from which he never returned. In the effort to discover his fate over \$3,000,000 were expended and forty different expeditions were made. The unwearying devotion of Lady Franklin to this object has embalmed for ever her memory as the modern Penelope who waited long and faithful proved, when all else had abandoned hope. The author of this book tells the heroic tale with graphic pen. Three maps enable us to follow every step of the thrilling story.