

veals the secret of his power," says our author; "it was holiness." This he exemplified and taught as it probably never was exemplified since the days of the apostles. In the revived interest felt in this cardinal doctrine of Methodism, such a biography as this will be of incalculable service, for this doctrine is far better taught by example than by precept. The holy life of Fletcher, even more than his burning words, will be his perennial testimony to the sanctifying power of the Divine Spirit. Yet this tender and loving soul was a very lion in defence of the truth, and could contend earnestly for the faith, as his undying controversial works still show. No Life of Fletcher would be complete without a sketch of his beautiful and wholly consecrated wife, Mary Bosanquet. Here we have an all too brief account of their married life, one of idyllic purity and loveliness. This book should become a well-thumbed classic in many a Methodist household.

The Life and Times of Levi Scott, D.D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By JAMES MITCHELL, D.D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. 12mo. Price \$1.

This is a narrative of a useful life. Bishop Scott, after doing the work of an itinerant on circuits for some years, was made one of the agents in the Book Concern at New York, for which position his splendid business talents eminently qualified him. He was next elevated to the Episcopacy, and in the discharge of his onerous duties he sought the welfare of the Church rather than the interests of any section or the wishes of any party. He was a clear exponent of Methodist law. In the pulpit he was impressive and always earnest. During his term of office he visited Africa, when he kept a voluminous journal which is not the least interesting portion of the volume. During the last two years of his life he was incapacitated for labour, but this was the period probably in which he displayed the greatest beauty of

holiness. He died in the eighty-fifth year of his age. The volume is embellished with a fine steel portrait

Sermons. By T. DEWITT TALMAGE. Second series, second edition. Pp. 416. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The sermons of no living preacher, we think, except perhaps Spurgeon's, are read by so many thousands of persons as those of Dr. Talmage. Sermons are often dry reading. Not so his. His rhetoric is on fire with earnestness. He is himself alone. No man can imitate him. While his figures of speech sometimes, by their hyperbole, offend the taste, his sermons touch the heart and rouse the feeling, and lay hold on the conscience; and this, we take it, is the chief end of preaching. If it do not do this, no matter how correct the style, it is cold and powerless, "faultily faultless, icily regular, splendidly null." It is a pleasure to read the bold type of this volume. It is a book in which old and young will take delight.

Rose Raymond's Wards. By MARGARET VANDEGRIFT. Pp. 395, illustrated. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is a domestic story of much interest and considerable literary skill. Rose Raymond is the oldest sister of a little orphaned group of three sisters and a brother. She takes the dead mother's place, and with loving care watches over the welfare of her little wards. We follow with interest their adventures to the happy *denouement* of the story. The poetical contributions are of considerable ability, especially the two touching poems entitled "In an Hospital."

Some Aspects of the Blessed Life. By MARK GUY PEARSE. London: T. Woolmer. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

In this beautiful book one of the most accomplished writers of modern Methodism traces the development