

evident, however, that they were from the first intended for publication, and that this fact had quite as much to do in determining their form and character as the immediate effect which was aimed at in their delivery. They are quite as well adapted for reading as for hearing; and as the blessing of God seems to have attended their use in the pulpit, there does not seem to be any good reason to doubt that they will carry a blessing with them wherever they may be read. They scarcely come up, however, to our idea of revival preaching. The preacher who is to be an immediate and mighty instrument in the awakening and conversion of sinners must be a prophet of God, a man of divine intuition and convictions, who sees the truth with open vision and feels it like fire in his bones. Such a one, hearing the Word at the mouth of God and warning the people from Him, will speak as one having authority, commending himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. It is not by the "discussion" of "themes" selected in view of authorship that either a dead soul or a dead community is to be called back to life. These things are not written in disparagement of this book, which has much to commend it, but in discouragement of the composition of essays or discussions of themes by ministers in view of publication in books, and relying upon them as the instruments in the awakening and conversion of souls.

The Religions of the World. By G. M. GRANT, D.D., Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. 16mo, pp. 137. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 20c.

Landmarks of Church History. By HENRY COWAN, D.D., Professor of Church History in the University of Aberdeen. 16mo, pp. 154. Same publishers. Price, 20c.

We have had occasion more than once to call attention to this admirable series of theological and religious primers published in Scotland, and republished in America, for use in the Sabbath School and the home. What has been said of other books in the series is, in the strictest sense, true of those which are now on our table. In the former of them we recognize the work of an old friend, whose name is a guarantee of the judgment and care with which it has been prepared. The latter is no less admirable, so far as it goes. Messrs. Randolph & Company are doing good service to the cause of religion by the republication of this useful series and by the attractive manner in which they are gotten up.

The Preacher's Assistant. Frank J. Boyer, Editor and Publisher, Reading, Pa. \$1 per year. The Nos. for March and April are full of interesting and suggestive articles. We look into the faces of the lamented dead, as they appear in the frontispiece—the Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., and the Rev. Wm. M. Taylor, D.D.—and feel that the earth is poorer for their absence; yet we rejoice that though God buries his workmen He carries on his work.

The Chautauquan. Dr. Theodore L. Flood, Editor, Meadville, Pa. \$2 per year. In the "Required Reading" for March and April, is a discriminating article on "Queen Victoria and Her Children." The Sunday readings in these numbers are excellent. A timely article is "The Bicycle; its Pleasures and Perils."

The Quarterly Review of the United Brethren in Christ, April, 1895. This number is specially practical, as well as marked by ability. "Unused Forces in the Churches," "The Liquor Traffic," "Missions," "Money," and "The Criminal Classes" are the principal topics discussed.