

sovereign in her own domain. These interesting topics are most certainly treated according to the principles of common-sense and gospel faith, and will doubtless stimulate and strengthen the faith of all who read the book.

The Building of Character. By J. R. MILLER, D.D. Cloth, 16mo, pp. 273. White back, gilt top. Price, \$1.20.

Secrets of Happy Home-Life. By J. R. MILLER, D.D. Booklet, ornamental white binding. Price, 35 cents. New York and Boston: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. Toronto: N. T. Wilson, 12 King Street West.

No one has read any of Dr. Miller's works without spiritual profit, and these are no exceptions to the general rule. He comes into such close touch with everyday life in such a practical way that it makes his writings eminently useful. As editor of the *Westminster Teacher* and other publications of the Presbyterian Board, he has cultivated the helpful in his method so that his writings become really a source of strength and inspiration. He makes what we build in ourselves the most important thing in this world, "What we are at the end is a great deal truer test of living than what we have or what we have done."

In "Secrets of Happy Home-Life" he proceeds to answer, "What have you to do with it?" which he does in a most suggestive way.

The Standard Dictionary. By FUNK & WAGNALLS. Single volume edition, full Russia, \$14.00; half, \$12.00; two volume edition, full Russia, \$17.00. Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls.

After five years of labor, with the help of 247 editors, 500 readers for quotations, and the cost of nearly one million dollars, the great work is completed. It contains 301,865 vocabulary words and phrases, exclusive of the Appendix of proper names, foreign phrases, etc., 47,468 more, making a total of 349,333 vocabulary terms, which is 75,000 more than in any other dictionary of the English language. What can we say in reviewing a dictionary, especially such a perfect work in mechanical execution, editorial definition, philological detail, and vocabulary spelling and pronunciation, as is the *Standard*. Without doubt it is and will be the standard dictionary for years to come, as by the addition of supplements it will keep up with the times until the English language becomes essentially changed.

Christian Doctrine and Morals Viewed in their Connection: the Twenty-fourth Fernley Lecture. 1894. By Rev. Geo. G. FINDLAY, B.A. Stiff paper, pp. 260, 8vo. 70 cents. Toronto: William Briggs.

Any form of Christianity that loses sight of and fails to advance moral aims and achievements, comes short of promoting the Christ ideal of practical life. A true evangelism consists in a fuller application of the eternal ideas of the Christian faith to conduct. "The ascendancy and continued maintenance of Christianity appear to depend on the solution of the ethical questions involved in the relations of evangelical faith to modern society," says our author in his introduction. Without doubt the moral side of Christianity should receive greater emphasis. Our preachers should be Pauline in their methods. After laying down a theological basis, there should be an ethical application. The leading Christian doctrines, of which the author attempts an ethical statement and application, are: "The Fatherhood of God, the incarnation of the Son, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the atonement for human sin, the resurrection of the body, the judgment to come, and the life eternal." He makes two observations upon the conception of God formed in the Old Testament. 1. It is intensely