

congratulation that through our Colportage system, [under the management of the Rev J. I. Baxter, Onslow] a very excellent class of books can be abundantly supplied throughout the Church. Colporteurs carry them even to our people's doors, and sell them there as cheaply as they can be purchased in this city. Let parents use every exertion to supply their children with good books and newspapers—sound, readable, pervaded by the spirit of the Gospel,—and then, by the blessing of God, our youth will grow up to be useful citizens and active, intelligent Christians. The rising generation must read something; let us place in their hands what is thoroughly good. As Presbyterians we must take a lively interest in diffusing *Presbyterian* literature. Our Confession and Catechisms should be in the hands of every man, woman and child, belonging to the denomination. Let the Bible be always and everywhere first; then our subordinate standards; then works that expound, defend and illustrate these; then Histories, Memoirs, &c., &c. The publications of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Board are admirably adapted for circulation in these Provinces. They are sufficiently denominational, thoroughly evangelical, readable, cheap, attainable. The Board's publications on Baptism, on the doctrines of Grace, on Church Government, ought to be in every Presbyterian family. We are glad to learn that over 200 Colporteurs were engaged last year in circulating these valuable works, "traversing 34 states, territories, and British provinces. They sold about 125,000 volumes, gave away 15,000 volumes, distributed over 2,000,000 pages of tracts; and as nearly as we can calculate, carried a message of salvation to over 1,000,000 souls."

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

WORK AND CONFLICT, or the divine life in its progress: a book of facts and histories. By the Rev. John Kennedy. Small 12 mo. pp. 396.

This work is the sequel to another by the same author, and published by the Board, entitled "The Divine Life." In that work the nature of the great change in the minds of those passing from death unto life was described as to its nature, and the manner and means of its origination in the human soul, and illustrated by examples of the process as exhibited in the history of individuals in different ages, of every variety of temperament and under every variety of circumstances. The present work treats of the development of the life thus commenced, and illustrates the subject in the same manner. "The divine life once originated, what of its progress and permanence. Are these to be left to a sort of spiritual chance, untended and uncared for? Are they secured by the spontaneous energy of the divine life? Or are they to be the objects of deliberate painstaking and culture? With Archbishop Leighton our belief is, that inward religion cannot well prosper and grow without much care and pains. His great Master and ours, and the chiefest servants of the Master, have all taught the same lesson, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." "Giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue. The progress of the divine life, the author treats under the two departments of work and conflict. Under the former he considers, 1. The soul's work. 2. The world's work, and 3. Social work. Under the second he considers, 1. Conflict with sin. 2. Con-