

strong invective may be useful in preventing others from being taken in the snares of error. Certainly this volume is a trenchant, remorseless exposure of errors and reprehensible conduct, which, by their very sanctimoniousness, have a tendency to deceive the unwary. The writer is avowedly of the opinion that things ought to be called by their right names, and that in doing so he is acting as Christ and the apostles did. For ourselves we should have endeavored to avoid the use of epithets which must irritate and cannot edify. The volume we heartily commend to such as may wish to know what is objectionable in the teachings of Plymouthism, and to see an unanswerable exposure of the indefinite, contradictory, inconsistent, and oftentimes unintelligible statements in which errors are imbedded, and the errors themselves held up to reprobation. The subjects discussed are—the Humanity of Christ, vindicated from the modern phases of Valentinian and other heresies; the Righteousness of Christ, and its imputation, vindicated from errors and defects of the teachings of Mr. Darby and others; the Pastoral Office, as scriptural, and the unscriptural tracts of Plymouthism on this point; the Presidency of the Holy Spirit, as claimed by the Brethren, with an exposure of the error; the Obligation of the Moral Law, and the denial thereof by the Brethren as a rule of life; variations of Plymouthism, showing the wide disagreement among those who in common oppose the Churches; the Morality of Plymouthism, as shown in equivocation and falsehood by some of its chief advocates; and a chapter severally on the recantation of Mr. Mackintosh, a christian spirit in controversy, and Mr. Darby's replies. There are also in the volume eight letters on the revival in Ireland, in which Dr. Carson tries to establish that, besides the gracious work of God's Spirit in the soul, God made use, in an extraordinary manner, of a natural *physical agency*, by virtue of which the prostrations were effected, and the attention of men was forcibly directed to the gracious visitation of God.

We shall doubtless see more of Plymouthism; it is active among us; and while we rejoice that good has been done by the preaching of some who belong to that sect, it is only right that both ministers and people should be alive to the errors, both in doctrine and practice, which have shown themselves among the Brethren. For this purpose the volume before us is invaluable.

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SERMONS BY THE LATE J. MARK Y. STARK, A.M., FORMERLY MINISTER OF KNOX'S CHURCH, DUNDAS. WITH MEMOIR BY THE REV. WILLIAM REID, A.M. Toronto: James Campbell & Son. 1871.

This book of over 250 pages contains eighteen sermons and an ordination address delivered by the late Rev. Mr. Stark, of Dundas. These discourses are characterized, as, we believe, were all Mr. Stark's pulpit exercises, by great carefulness, and, in many cases, even great elegance of diction. The matter of them is not inferior to the manner, being what one might expect to find in the preaching of so ripe and intelligent a Christian, and so earnest a minister, as all who were competent to judge of Mr. Stark confessed to have found him. Not the least attractive part of the work is the exceedingly interesting memoir of Mr. Stark by the Rev. W. Reid, whose personal acquaintance with the subject of the memoir admirably fits him for the office of biographer. A frontispiece, giving a photograph portrait of Mr. Stark, accompanies the volume, which the publishers have evidently spared no pains to make a perfect model of what may be done in the book-binding art in Canada.