

with Drs. Schaff and Green, Geikie, McLaren, Warren and Tristram; The January numbers are well up to the mark, and it is evident that the Editor and the Publisher spare no pains to make the Times attractive and thorough. The worst thing that can be said of it is that it is printed on poor paper.

Just as I was about handing my Ms. to the Editor, he gave me a tasteful little volume of 140 pages published by the Presbyterian Board of Philadelphia. It is written by a well known minister of our church, the Rev. W. A. MacKay, B.A., of Woodstock, Ont., and its title is Outpourings of the Spirit. This well written book, which bears evidence of careful and ample research in the history of the Church Universal, is a plea for revivals of religion. Its argument is largely historical, a strengthening of the soul by remembering the days of old, the years of ancient times. This makes it an interesting work and one fitted to be useful, especially as it shows the chief revivals to have been brought about by the devotion to God and zeal for souls of the recognized officers of the Church. Revivals have often been the effect of a new statement of truth, and departure from the conventionalities of everyday theology. What is to hinder every Sabbath day being a season of the Spirit's outpouring, every sermon being a revival sermon? It is not mere feeling that is wanted for this but intense conviction of truth, chiefly a realization of the great needs of soul and body and of the fact that Christ is waiting to supply these needs. I am sure that my quondam parishoner, Mr. MacKay, has the best wishes of all the earnest men in the Church, and I think this class will take in very nearly, if not all, of its ministers and a great body of elders and other workers, for the success of his book, and their prayers that it, with the ordinary means of grace, may tend to the outpouring he so fervently desires.

