

Rock of Ages, that the superstructure may be firm and abiding. "A Model Christian Family" is next presented, being the family of which the forerunner of Christ was a member. Then follow addresses on various themes, but all intended and well calculated to cheer and encourage the weary. An antidote for worry is prescribed. Mists which so frequently prevail, especially in the early morning of Christian life, are cleared away. Many burdens under which poor weary souls have been bowed down are lifted. Jesus is heard conversing with the woman of Samaria about the living water, and is seen accompanying Zaccheus to his home, bringing salvation into it. His words of reproach addressed to Philip apply to all who do not know Jesus as well as they might know Him. We accompany Him as He enters the house of mourning, restoring and enhancing joy. Mothers are asked to stand beside Mary as she gazes upon her suffering Son, and words are spoken which will touch many a tender chord and cause it to vibrate with sad but sweetest music. Christ's look of love and reproof, directed towards the denying, blaspheming Peter, is made use of to help those who have fallen; and the penitent are pointed to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The book, of whose character and contents we have thus endeavored to give some hint, concludes with "Love Messages from Paul," being helpful, inspiring thoughts drawn from the last chapter of Romans.

These addresses throughout are plain and simple. They reveal deep insight into human nature, and a wide and varied knowledge of Christian experience. Some of them are heart-searching, and all are characterized by earnestness and directness.

A MERCHANT PRINCE: LIFE OF HON. SENATOR JOHN MACDONALD. *By Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 321. \$1.00.*

Every true educator seeking to draw out his pupil along proper lines, and shape his character and life aright, prizes highly well-written and honest biographies. They present virtues to be emulated, and vices to be shunned. This value is enhanced when it is the biography of one who belonged to our own day and land. Such was John Macdonald, the Merchant Prince, whose character and life are presented in this volume.

The name of the biographer was a sufficient guarantee that the work would be executed faithfully, efficiently, and tastily. No grander nor more inspiring subject could be offered to the biographer, no more congenial work to the gospel minister, than the portrayal of a life that brought forth the fruits of righteousness in such abundance. He had also the advantage of a personal and intimate acquaintance with him of whom he writes.