

montanism; Dr. MacArthur and Dr. Haygood, on The Saloon; Dr. McCosh and the Hon. Seth Low, on Relation of the Church to the Capital and Labour Question; Dr. King, President Gilman, and Dr. Hatcher, on the Christian Resources of the United States; Dr. Storrs, Bishop Harris, Dr. Gladden, Dr. Strong and Dr. Shauffler, on the Necessity of Co-operation in Christian Work.

The Church-Kingdom, or Lectures on Congregationalism. By the REV. A. HASTINGS ROSS, D.D. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Publishing Society. Price, \$2.50.

The lectures garnered into this volume were delivered by the author on the Southworth Foundation in the Andover Theological Seminary. Though concerning Congregationalism, they deserve the larger title of the Church-Kingdom, for he treats, in its widest comprehension, of that institution which we call the Church of God. "The real history of man is the history of religion—the wonderful ways by which the different families of the human race advanced towards a true knowledge and deeper love of God." Taking the definition of Prof. Harris, "The Church of God is the organic outgrowth of the life-giving and redeeming grace of Christ penetrating human history in the Holy Spirit," the author first traces its development from its earliest manifestations, beginning with the patriarchal dispensation, when it assumed the family form; then passing on to the ceremonial dispensation, when it appeared in national form; and then to the Christian dispensation, where it takes on the ecumenical form. The first form was not unifying, and could not express the communion of saints; the second was unifying, but exclusive, and its limitations precluded its ever becoming the religious establishment of the world; the third only is capable of world-wide extension.

We are confident that the *Church-Kingdom* will immediately take the high place which it deserves.

Principles of Church Government.

By the late WILLIAM H. PERRINE, D.D. Edited by JAMES H. POTT, D.D. 12mo. Price \$1.25 New York: Phillips and Hunt.

While this book is of special importance to members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it will still be of much interest to all Methodists; it is well edited by Dr. Pott, the accomplished editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, who contributes also a life-story of the author and an important chapter on the Lay Delegation Movement.

LITERARY NOTES.

A literary friend, in whose good taste and soundness of judgment we have the greatest confidence, has written us a strong protest against the unfair and sneering character of the serial story, "Yone Santo," in the *Atlantic Monthly*, with reference to mission work in Japan. The wonderful statistics of mission work there are its best vindication. He who runs afield against modern missions is likely to meet the fate of Don Quixote in tilting at the windmill.

The Rev. Dr. Dewart contributes to the *Globe* of February 25th, a spirited poem, entitled "Now and Then:" a supplemental response to Lord Tennyson's "Locksley Hall, Sixty Years After." In our judgment the philosophy is more sound, and the treatment not less poetic than that of the Laureate's famous poem.

The Halifax *Wesleyan* celebrates its jubilee year by a special number, that for March 1, of great interest. It has contributions from a large number of former editors and old friends. During its many years' ministry in the homes of the people, it has accomplished an incalculable amount of good for the cause of God.