

dark and threatening, and the clouded heavens above. At last suddenly on the horizon flashed a light, and then after a little while another, and then a little later another still, from the lighthouses along the coast; and at last the light at the entrance of the harbor became visible just as 'the fingers of the dawn' were rushing up into the sky. As we swept around into the harbor the sunrise gun was fired from the cutter lying in the harbor. The band struck up a martial and inspiring air, the great splendor of the rising sun flooded the whole view, and every window pane on those hills, as seen from the boat, seemed to be a plate of burnished gold let down from the celestial realms.

"We are drawing nearer to the glory of the latter day. I have thought of that vision often. I thought of it then as representing what might be conceived of the entrance into heaven. I have thought of it as I have stood by the bed of the dying and seen their faces flush and flash in the radiance that I could not apprehend. I think of it still. The lights are brightening along the coast; the darkness is disappearing; the harbor is not far off; the Sun of Righteousness is to arise in all the earth, and the golden glory of the New Jerusalem is to be established here."

This may be taken as an illustration of the make-up of the book. This is a book which furnishes a compendium of selections that any preacher will find very helpful in preparing funeral addresses.

The Sermon Bible. Matthew i.-xxi. Willard Tract Depository, Toronto.
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We called attention in a recent issue to the series of volumes of which this is the fifth. This is the first volume on the New Testament, and covers the first twenty-one chapters. The commendable features of the previous volumes appear in this, and we can heartily repeat the favorable opinion previously expressed. Outlines of sermons by eminent preachers are given under almost every verse, followed by very full references to periodicals, volumes, etc., where help can be found. The references are confined to modern literature, and the aim is to tell the student where he can find the best thoughts of the present generation upon the text he is studying. Many of the outlines are strikingly fresh, and all are good. They are suggestive, and in this lies the value of sketches of sermons. Of course, we cannot accept all the interpretations and statements presented. That is not to be expected when men of all schools of thought are quoted. However, an intelligent and discriminating use of these books will stimulate thought and enrich the sermons of any preacher. This much may be said in favor of the series; but we cannot forbear a word of warning to the young preacher concerning the use of all such helps. Use them, as the miller uses the water, to set in motion your mental machinery, and they will help you. Lean upon them, as the lame man leans upon his crutch, for support, and you will go limping through life.