

those, who labour so devoutly and unweariedly in them, from Sabbath to Sabbath, and that an annual enquiry into the state and progress of these nurseries of the church cannot fail of proving highly beneficial.

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Book Notices.

HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION IN EUROPE, IN THE TIME OF CALVIN; by J. H. Merle D'Aubigne, D.D., author of the History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, &c. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by Rollo & Adam, Toronto; D. McLellan, Hamilton; and other booksellers. 2 vols.

Most of our readers, we presume, have read the History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century by the author of these volumes. They will find here what may be considered a continuation, or second series of the same work. The heroic times of Luther are reviewed in the former volumes, and now the author enters on the scarcely less interesting times of Calvin. The history of the Reformation, and the history of the civil and municipal liberties of Geneva were very closely connected together, and both are sketched by the author in these volumes in the interesting style, and with the pictorial power of which he is so consummate a master. While the writer brings to light many old documents, and has had an opportunity of referring to many important manuscripts, he imparts to the whole the charm and freshness of life. The work will be continued in several additional volumes, two of which may soon be expected.

THE THOUGHTS OF GOD. By the Rev. J. R. Macduff, D.D., author of "Morning and Night Watches," &c., &c. New York: R. Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This precious little volume contains a series of meditations—one for each morning for a month—on some of the "thoughts of God" towards his people, which are recorded in His Word. The former works of the author have met with great acceptance, and have been found to be precious means of consolation and edification, especially to sorrowing and afflicted christians. The present little volume is also fitted to be highly useful. The meditations relate to most important topics, and suggest very important and useful trains of thought.

COUNSELS OF AN INVALID; Letters on Religious subjects, by George Wilson, M.D., late Regius Professor of Technology in the University of Edinburgh. London and Cambridge: McMillan & Co. Sold by Rollo & Adam, Toronto.

Dr. George Wilson, whose memoir some of our readers may have perused, occupied a prominent position in the world of science, and was distinguished for the zeal and success with which he prosecuted the study and practice of chemistry, his favourite branch of study. He was no less distinguished for his amiability as a man, and for his earnestness and humility as a christian. We regard the volume before us, containing several series of letters on religious subjects, as a most precious contribution to the religious literature of the day. In reading it, we have been reminded of Owen's saying with reference to the little work of William Guthrie, of Fenwick, entitled "The Christian's Great