

God's service, and there is the certainty that it is a Scriptural method; and as all man's ways have failed, let us adopt this system, revealed to us in God's Word, that "all the people" may tangibly praise Him, and "then shall the earth bring forth her increase." "God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." (Psalm lxxvii., 7.)

Probably many readers of this leaflet may reasonably say: "This may be all very true, but my circumstances are such that, as it is, I have as much as I can do to support my family, and it would be actually impossible for me to give a tenth of my income for God's service." Well, dear reader, God does not require impossibilities from anyone. But what I would entreat of you is, to make a beginning of laying by as God has prospered you; if you cannot devote a tenth, devote a smaller, even a much smaller proportion; take that out of everything you receive as it comes to hand, and put it by itself as God's treasury, and you will be laying up for yourself unbounded pleasure in its disbursement; and if God should prosper your worldly concerns (and He will do so if it be good for you, for He has so promised), you will then be sure to increase the proportion. And further, let rich and poor never forget that, in addition, special mercies should always be followed by special offerings.

Being a layman, it is on the financial side of the question that I have chiefly dwelt, but I must not be understood as meaning that money by itself will build up our Church and evangelise our country and the world; but we may, most surely, expect the aid of the Holy Spirit in doing so, if we strive to obey God's directions written for our "instruction" in His Holy Word.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

Jesus Christ, the Proof of Christianity, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Sparling, Bishop of Colorado, Milwaukee, Wis.: The Young Churchman Co., 1891.

The many phenomena connected with the rise and progress of the Christian religion form an inexhaustible field for investigation and disquisition. The internal evidences of its genuineness have been placed before the public from time to time in various forms, and still they are constantly appearing. The book before us is one of the kind, and contains many vigorous and useful thoughts on the subject. The article (or sermon) especially on "Jesus Christ proving His Divinity" is noteworthy. It seems almost irreverent to compare the Saviour with men of the earth, however philosophical or great, but when doing so "the greatest men, philosophers, poets, statesmen, stand before Him as the

human in the presence of the Divine, as man in the presence of God!" Bishop Spalding is evidently not only a man who reads, but one who knows how to turn his reading to good account.

The Glorious Land: Short Chapters on China, by Ven. Arthur E. Moule, B.D., Archdeacon of Mid-China; London, England: Church Missionary Society, Salisbury Sq., E.C.

There is *multum in parvo* in this little book. Written by a missionary of experience in the land itself, Archdeacon Moule presents in a few words a picture of the "Celestial Empire" in its relation to missionary work and prospects which is of value to all in any way interested in the subject.

The Dominion Illustrated, Montreal (Sabiston Litho. and Pub. Co.) Those persons who have not seen the *Dominion Illustrated* since it has been so much enlarged and improved should secure a sample copy at once. Both from the literary and artistic point of view the *Illustrated* is a credit to Canadian journalism. It offers \$130 in four prizes for short stories from Canadian writers, which is a step in the right direction for, as yet, there has not been very much in Canada to encourage literary efforts. Prizes to the amount of \$3,000 are also offered on certain conditions, set forth in the paper itself, a sample copy of which may be obtained for twelve cents.

The Literary Digest.—Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. This periodical gives an epitome of the various articles which appear in the leading reviews, magazines and newspapers of the day, and will enable persons to have a good idea of what is going on in the literary world without the expense and labour of procuring numerous works and reading lengthy articles. The cost is \$3.00 a year.

The National Tribune, Washington, D.C., the Great National Weekly for the Home and Fireside, will shortly begin the publication of a highly interesting series of articles on the condition, development and prospects of the great Churches in this country, by the leading men of the several Churches. The articles will be written by representative men in the different leading denominations of Christians.

The Young Canadian, Montreal, contains weekly, much interesting matter for the young people of the Dominion.

The Youth's Companion, Boston. A high class paper for young people and, indeed, for all. Its tone is always healthy and good, and its stories interesting. Liberal prizes are offered