

Literary Notes.

An unusually important work is announced by Cassell & Company. It is "Martin Luther; The Man and His Work," by Peter Bayne, LL.D. Dr. Bayne's sympathy is as great as his literary skill. The men and women of whom he writes are made to live. The reader will not only be made acquainted with the facts of Luther's life, but he will follow the events of his career with the vivid realization of a spectator of a powerful drama. One who has seen the early pages says of this remarkable work, that it "is undoubtedly one of the most comprehensive and accurate personal histories of that great promoter of the general democratic movement of modern times, and also a capital record of the notable chapter in spiritual evolution."

THE QUIVER FOR OCTOBER.—There are articles of a religious nature especially chosen for Sunday reading, such as "The Voice of Autumn in Christian Ears," "Reminiscences of Departed Members of the New Testament Revision Company," "John Gossner's Work for Christ," and "The Sages of all Ages," and a bunch of very pointed "Short Arrows," "The Growth of a Character," by Dean Chadwick of Armagh, "Peace through Sufferings and Conflict," by the Rev. A. Boyd Carpenter.—Cassell & Co., 15 cents a number, \$1.50 a year in advance.

The Baker & Taylor Co., 9 Bond St., New York, announce the early publication of a carefully prepared work, entitled, "Modern Cities and their Religious Problems," by Rev. Samuel Lane Loomis, with introduction by Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D. Price \$1. This book is the most recent treatise dealing with the growth and the social and religious condition of the modern city, and giving an account of the methods employed by the most successful workers to elevate, instruct, and Christianize city populations. The results of the author's careful observation of English systems of work are given due space, while a chapter on the McAll Mission shows what progress has been made in France.

The same house announces the publication of another important book, entitled "Evangelistic Work in Principle and Practice," by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D. Price \$1. It is probable that no subject at the present time more deservedly engages the best thought of Christian workers than that of general evangelization: and it may be doubted if any hand could better set forth the nature of the work, and the best means of accomplishing it, than that of Dr. Pierson, whose experience in the work itself, and trenchant, incisive style of writing, especially fit him to illustrate this subject.

THE October *Wide Awake* is a bright number. The tales of adventure will delight the boys, while there are many articles especially suited to the tastes of the girls and their older sisters and brothers. *Wide Awake* aims to be instructive as well as entertaining, and it succeeds admirably. The engravings are superb.

SUPPLEMENTARY LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 28.]

LESSON VI.

[Nov. 6.

CONFESSING CHRIST.

Matt. 10. 32-42. Gold. Text, Matt. 10. 32.

To the directions given to the apostles, added in the close of our last lesson, Jesus added warnings that might well have filled less devoted men with dismay. He predicted for them only persecution and universal hatred, prisons, public whipping, and even death; but cheered them by the promise that their brave and faithful confession of faith in him, before governors and kings, would serve his cause, and that endurance to the end would secure their eternal salvation. They would be like helpless sheep in the midst of treacherous wolves. Even their work would be different from what they might expect. To-day it was an olive branch; to-morrow it would be a sword. Instead of peace, it would divide households and communities, and turn the closest relations into deadly enemies. They would need to labor diligently, for before they had gone over all the towns of Israel, he himself would come to their aid as the risen and glorified Messiah. They might expect slander, for he himself had been charged with being in league with the devil, and they could not hope to fare better. They were, however, to be stout in heart, for the Providence that watches over the birds of the air would keep them safe. He had nothing to offer them in this world; but they who shall follow him faithfully, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, they also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19. 28). What he demanded of them was a loyalty so supreme and undivided, that the most sacred claims of blood were to be subordinated to it. Nothing short of this could organize and conduct such a kingdom as Jesus, the Christ, came to establish.

Never was master so severe in his demands as Jesus. Take the case of his sending out the disciples on their first mission. No man was to have two coats or staves. No man was to have either gold, or silver, or brass, in his purse. Everything that could be taken from a man, and leave him at all decent, was taken from him. There was no encouragement on the material side—no bribe, no allurements, or inducement of an earthly character. They were to see the merit and get the reward out of the work itself. It was spiritual in its nature, and all heaven was to be placed at their disposal. They were to be gifted with speech, inspiration, comfort, to the full. Nothing was to harm them until their work was done, and then they were called up higher to dwell with Jesus.

As to their relation to the Master, it was to be a grateful and true one. He had done everything for them, calling them out from their humble spheres as fishermen, associating