

*Guides and Guards in Character Building.* By C. H. PAYNE, D.D., LL.D., President of Ohio Wesleyan University. Pp. 360. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

Those who have had the pleasure of hearing President Payne's admirable lectures in Canada, will be glad to have this volume from his pen. It is marked by the same vigour of thought, the same grace of expression, the same loftiness of purpose, which characterized his spoken utterances. These discourses have a unity of subject that is rare in a continued series. They all illustrate the great theme of character building. Among the types chosen to illustrate this theme are Joseph, the incorruptible young man; Moses, the uncrowned king; David, from the sheepfold to the throne; Absalom, the fast young man; Solomon, the brilliant failure; Daniel, the uncompromising young man; Lot, the self-seeker; Ruth, the true-hearted; and other instructive types, as John, Thomas, Cornelius, Timothy, and Paul. The lessons of these lives are clearly delineated and strongly enforced. We commend the book especially to the study of young men.

*Francis Metherall and his Work in Prince Edward Island.* By JOHN HARRIS. Bible Christian Book Room, London and Toronto.

This little book is an important contribution to the history of Methodism in Prince Edward Island. Francis Metherall was a venerable figure in that history. Born in 1791, his life extended through nearly a century, when, in 1875, he fell asleep, aged eighty-four years, fifty-three of which he spent in the ministry. His life-story takes us back to the heroic days of Methodism in the old land. Walking thirty miles a day, sleeping beside a haystack, mobbed and maltreated, arrested and haled before the magistrate for preaching, he yet boldly kept on his way. Coming to Prince Edward Island over fifty years ago, he did brave pioneer work for Methodism, and endured hard-

ness as a good soldier of the cross. The story is marvellously interesting, and we have asked an able writer to prepare a fuller account of it for this Magazine.

*The Alhambra, A Series of Tales and Sketches of the Moors and Spaniards.* By WASHINGTON IRVING. Pp. 301. New York: John B. Alden.

This is a dainty little gilt-edged and gold-embossed volume, worthy of its golden contents. Irving never wrote anything more charming and graceful than his *Tales of the Alhambra*. He took up his abode for many months in this grandest mediæval fortress-palace in Europe. He became saturated with its romance, and explored at once its ruins and its legendary history, and has embodied the memories of the Moorish palace, with their blended pathos and splendour and tragedy, in one of the most charming "little classics" of the language. It is a fine study of that exotic civilization which flourished at Seville, at Cordova, at Granada,—but whose richest flower was the Alhambra—when the rest of Europe was sunk in barbarism.

*Handbook of Medical Electricity.* By A. M. ROSEBRUGH, M.D., Toronto.

Dr. Rosebrugh has given much study to the subject of electrical science, and has perfected some important practical inventions for its application. One of these is the remarkable discovery, perfected by himself and Mr. Black, of Hamilton, whereby telegraphic and telephonic messages can be sent at the same time over the same wire, and that for long distances. In the above-named handbook is described an improved medical battery, of which he is the inventor. Numerous affections in which it may be successfully applied are indicated. A hundred years ago, John Wesley highly commended the medical application of electricity. We believe that we are only on the threshold of its practical use.