

As we turn from this noble selection of the hymns of the ages, we feel that even in the darkest times, God hath not left Himself without faithful witnesses in His Church—that in the ardour of devotion and flame of love all errors of creed are consumed, the soul breathing its aspirations into the ear of God who seeth in secret and heareth in heaven, His dwelling place.

An Island Paradise, and Reminiscences of Travel. By H. SPENCER HOWELL. Toronto: Hart & Riddell. Octavo, pp. 296. Price \$1.50.

This is one of the handsomest specimens of Canadian bookmaking that we have seen. The good paper and clear, leaded type make it pleasing to the eye as well as to the mind. Nor does the elegance of the book surpass its literary merit. Mr. Howell writes in an exceedingly racy and readable style, and with a fine vein of humour. He is a veritable "globe trotter," and gives us admirable glimpses of travel and adventure in many parts of the world.

It will be a surprise to many to learn the remarkable industrial development of the Hawaiian Islands. The export of sugar in 1890 was over 227,000,000 pounds and the capital invested was nearly \$29,000,000, a single mill manufacturing from 100 to 120 tons of sugar per day. The royal palace at Honolulu cost over half a million. The town has a free library, a Y. M. C. A., many churches, and the finest museum of Polynesian curiosities in the world. Mr. Howell describes Hawaii as an "island paradise," but it is a paradise with its dreadful Gehenna, a veritable lake of fire, half a mile wide, whose molten waves lash and dash in a horrible manner. Our adventurous traveller describes his descent into the active crater as a "fool-hardy undertaking." It is one which few men living could or would have attempted.

The second part of the book describes experiences and adventures in Ceylon, Bombay, and the Malabar

Coast, at Malta and Gibraltar, an eighty days' voyage to the Antipodes, whose monotony was broken by a terrific storm, and graphic sketches of Sydney, Melbourne, and Ballarat. More familiar ground is covered in his graphic descriptions of Brussels, Antwerp, and Edinburgh, with their stirring, historic associations.

Faith-healing, Christian Science, and Kindred Phenomena. By J. M. BUCKLEY, I.L.D. New York: Century Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Pp. 308. Price \$1.25.

The Rev. Dr. Buckley, the accomplished editor of the *Christian Advocate*, has for many years made a special study of psychological phenomena. In this admirable volume, he gathers up the results of this study. The borderland between the natural and the supernatural has for many minds an absorbing fascination which has led to the acceptance of some unwarranted and some preposterous theories. Dr. Buckley carries the clear light of science into this shadowy realm. He discusses the fallacies and errors of what is called Faith-Healing, Christian Science and Mind Cure. He effectually discredits the claims of this so-called science, and shows the evils resulting from this un-Christian superstition.

Exceedingly interesting chapters are given on astrology, divination, dreams, nightmare, somnambulism, visions, apparitions, and on that saddest tale in the history of the human race, witchcraft in the old world and in the new. The marked note of this book is the application of shrewd common sense to the investigation and explanation of the often extraordinary phenomena described. It is the most valuable contribution made to this department of psychology since Sir Walter Scott published his "Demonology and Witchcraft," over half a century ago. The book is well indexed, and published in the Century Company's best style.

"Rex tremendae majestatis,
Qui salvandos salvas gratis,
Salva me, fons pietatis !

"Recordare, Jesu pie,
Quod sum causa tuae viae ;
Ne me perdas illâ die !"