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Elements of General and Christian Theology. By L. T. TOWNSEND, D.D., author of "Credo," etc., pp. 97. Flexible cloth. Price, 40 cents. New York: Phillips & Hunt, and Methodist Book Room.

The distinguished reputation of the author of "Credo" will be a guarantee of the ability with which this little book is prepared. It is an admirable compend of the religious teachings of the Methodist Church, concisely given and clearly arranged. Every Sunday-school teacher should have it, and no thoughtful Christian can read it without clearer conceptions of the relations of Divine truth. The chapter on Soteriology is a terse exhibition of Arminian doctrine, and that on Eschatology—to which subject so much attention is now given—contains some suggestive speculations on the character of Satan, which will, we think, command assent when carefully weighed.

Camp Meeting and the Sabbath. By S. C. SWALLOW. 12mo., pp. 68. New York: Nelson and Phillips.

The author traces the origin and history of camp meetings, points out their utility, also their perversion and how to correct it. He brings a heavy indictment against them on account of the Sabbath desecration which, when conducted as great pleasure resorts, they cause. The words of warning should be heeded, that a great and menacing evil may be averted and this agency, so honoured of God in the past, may achieve still more blessed results in the future.

A Dictionary of English Literature; being a comprehensive Guide to English Authors and their Works. By W. DAVENPORT ADAMS. Cassell & Co.; and G. Mercer Adam, Toronto. 8vo., pp. 776, price \$2.

Everybody who reads or writes has felt the need of some convenient help to verify a quotation, to explain an allusion to characters in literature, or to give a concise account of authors and their works. To such this book will prove very useful. The *noms de plume* assumed by writers are very fully given. The chief poems, essays, plays, works of science, philosophy, *belles lettres*, etc., are briefly described. This edition contains all the matter of the large first edition, and costs only half the price. Very useful for the study table.

Wine in the Word. An Inquiry into the wine Christ made and the wine of the Supper. By ABRAHAM COLES, M.D., LL.D. New York: Nelson & Phillips.

The writer of this pamphlet believes that the wine of our Lord's first miracle, and that of the Last Supper, was the fresh and un-intoxicating juice of the grape. We believe so too; and think that he has maintained his thesis.

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