

outburst which astonished the Christian world. It gives detailed accounts of his six voyages to America and of the awakenings which followed his preaching in rural districts, towns and cities. It follows him through England, Ireland and Scotland, and makes the reader see those vivid pictures of conquest which illustrated his triumphal career. It shows him as a hero in the midst of opposition, persecution and threatened assassination. The secret of his mighty power is revealed by careful analysis of his work and character. The styles of his sermons are given by copious extracts and truthful synopses. It is an ably written book, relieved throughout by those anecdotal touches which give piquancy to narrative, and by those adventures of the great man with the hosts of sin, which are as thrilling as border tales.

New Zealand After Fifty Years. By EDWARD WAKEFIELD. 8vo, with numerous illustrations. New York: Cassell & Co., Limited. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.00.

This beautiful, curious and productive country was merely a group of savage islands inhabited by ferocious cannibals, pirates and outlaws, when Edward Gibbon Wakefield, formed the New Zealand Company in 1839 and sent his brother Colonel William Wakefield, to take possession of the territory and found a colony there. Young Edward Wakefield having spent his early years in the practical work of the pioneer was sent to England and educated expressly for the colonial service, and at the age of twenty he found himself in a post under the New Zealand Government, in which he enjoyed unique opportunities of studying the country. After serving as confidential secretary under successive governments, he was elected to the legislature and took an active part in some of the most important episodes in the political history of the colony, and also rendered active service against the Maoris at the most critical period of the wars which lasted twenty years. He became Colonial Secretary, and in this volume has

given an exact and deeply interesting account of the discovery and settlement of the country; its natural features, its fauna and flora, its trade and commerce, and its present political, social and industrial condition. The work is brought up to date, and is mercifully free from statistics or dry matter of any sort. The illustrations are numerous and original. "New Zealand after Fifty Years" is a welcome addition to geographical and historical literature, and gives a very attractive account of our antipodien kinsfolk.

Leaders Upward and Onward. Brief Biographies of Noble Workers. Edited by HENRY C. EWART, with 80 illustrations. Pp. 366. New York: Thomas Whittaker; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price \$1.50.

It is a noble group of leaders in the upward and onward march of humanity to whom we are introduced. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise. It is impossible to read the record of these heroic lives without catching the glow of their moral heroism and being by their example lifted up and strengthened. The eleven selected brief biographies are those of some of the most noteworthy recent actors in English religious life and work. Only two of them, that of the robust and manly Frederick Denison Maurice and of the great and good Dr. Arnold, are by Mr. Ewart. The others are by writers having special advantages for knowing the persons whose lives they record. That of Charles Kingsley is by Dr. Japp, Dean Stanley's is by Prof. Story, Archbishop Tait's by the Bishop of Dover, Bishop Fraser's by Mary Harrison, Edward Irving's and John Curwin's are by Norman J. Ross, Norman Macleod's by Dr. W. C. Smith, Thomas Guthrie's by Prof. Blackie and Principal Tulloch's by Donald Macleod. The eminence of the subjects and of the writers of these biographies gives this book a unique value. The numerous portraits and other illustrations add greatly to its interest. We would like to see it largely used in our