

Book Notices.

The Old Testament Vindicated as Christianity's Foundation-Stone. By GEORGE COULSON WORKMAN, M.A., Ph.D., author of "The Text of Jeremiah," etc. With introduction by Rev. Chancellor Burwash, S.T.D. Cloth, 50 cents net. Illustrated. Toronto: William Briggs.

In this volume the author treats concisely of the leading features of the Old Testament, and answers fully the chief sceptical objections that have so often been made by rationalistic writers against the teachings of the Old Testament. By an impartial consideration of the human element, which has special features as well as special prominence in the Old Testament, he points out the way in which every fundamental difficulty may be fairly and reasonably explained. Besides answering sceptical objections, the author shows the sense in which the Old Testament is an organic part of the New Testament. He also shows the ethical and religious value of the ancient Scriptures in their inner spiritual relation to Christ and Christianity. This is doubtless the first attempt yet made to give a complete answer to these questions from the standpoint of modern Christian criticism. The book is called forth by Dr. Goldwin Smith's article entitled, "Christianity's Millstone," which appeared some months ago in the *North American Review*.

Sowing and Reaping. By D. L. MOODY. Chicago: The Bible Institute Copyright Association. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is an expansion of a sermon which we heard Mr. Moody preach in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, from the text, "Whoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." His argument is when a man sows, he expects to reap; he reaps the same kind as he sows; he reaps more than he sows; ignorance of the seed makes no difference. But there is forgiveness as well as retribution. This is a strong cogent argument for repentance and right living.

At Aunt Verbena's. By M. S. HAYCRAFT. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is another of the interesting volumes suitable for the home or Sunday-school library issued by the Wesleyan Conference Office. It is instinct with pronounced religious teaching, is of superior literary form, and is daintily printed and illustrated.

The Family Circle. Original and Selected Anecdotes. Written and edited by H. L. HASTINGS. Boston: H. L. Hastings. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50 cents.

This is a volume of anecdotes and illustrations of Christian life. They furnish instructive and wholesome reading for the family circle, especially for the Lord's day. It contains also a number of engravings.

Opening and Closing Services.

SECOND QUARTER.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. SILENCE.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [John 1. 1-5, 9-12.]

SUPT. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

SCHOOL. The same was in the beginning with God.

SUPT. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

SCHOOL. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

SUPT. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

SCHOOL. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

SUPT. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

SCHOOL. He came unto his own and his own received him not.

SUPT. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

III. SINGING.

IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, OR THE APOSTLES' CREED.

V. PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

VI. SINGING.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. CLASS STUDY OF THE LESSON.

II. SINGING LESSON HYMN.

III. RECITATION OF THE TITLE, GOLDEN TEXT, AND OUTLINE by the school in concert.

IV. REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF THE LESSON, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. [Special lesson in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS [especially of the Church service and the Epworth League and week-evening prayer-meetings.]

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. SINGING.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES.

SUPT. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

SCHOOL. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

III. DISMISSAL.