

## Book Notices.

*The Redemption of David Corson.* By CHARLES FREDERIC GOSS, D.D. Seventh edition. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 418. Price, \$1.25.

The extraordinary success of this book is shown in the fact that within two months it passed through no less than six editions. It is a story with a purpose. That purpose is to show how, under stress and strain of severe temptation, noble natures may be perverted and dragged down into sin and misery; that God never leaves Himself without a witness, even in the hearts of those who have wandered farthest from Him; and that under the power of Divine Grace they

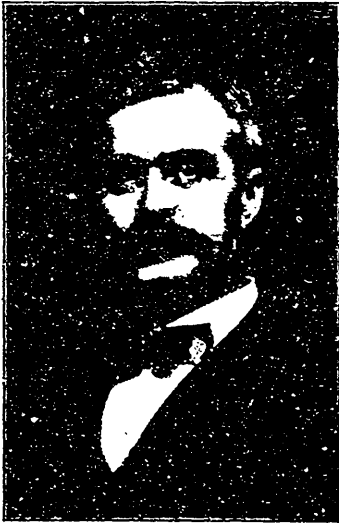
with God and with man. This is the "Redemption of David Corson." The book has many wonderfully dramatic situations, is of absorbing and even thrilling interest, is written from a very lofty and ethical point of view, and with rare literary skill. We predict for it a marked success.

The Rev. Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, says: "I have just finished reading 'The Redemption of David Corson' with wet eyes and leaping heart. Warmest congratulations." The Rev. Dr. Grey reviews it with similar enthusiasm in the *Interior*, Chicago.

*David and His Friends.* A series of Revival Sermons by LOUIS ALBERT BANKS, D.D., Pastor First M. E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Cloth, 12mo, 356 pages, gilt top. Price, \$1.50. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is the fifth volume of the series of revival sermons by Dr. Louis Albert Banks. Revival literature has seldom, if ever, received so large a contribution from one man. This volume, "David and His Friends," contains thirty-one sermons which were preached in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, during January, 1900, in a series of evangelistic meetings. The author says in his preface: "At the time of their delivery they were greatly blessed by God in the awakening of sinners and in leading to conversion, and I hope and pray that as they now go forth on the printed page the Holy Spirit may continue with them and make them an inspiration and a help to all who come to them for assistance in that most blessed of all the work given man to do, the winning of souls to Christ." The original and practical character of these sermons is seen even in the titles. Here are some of them: "The Beauty of Youth"; "The Chaff in the Wind"; "The Armour Bearers"; "The King of Glory"; "God in Storm and Rainbow"; "God's Cover for Sin"; "The Tragedy of a Useless Life"; "The Harps on the Willows"; "Saul's Night with the Witch of Endor."

*The Wife of His Youth*; and other Stories of the Colour Line. By CHARLES W. CHESTNUT. With illustrations by



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may return after sore discipline and chastening and be restored to His favour and fullness of joy.

There is something singularly attractive about the Quaker hero of this story, a man in whom the "inner light" burns bright, and who has visions of the unseen and eternal. Through the spell of a misplaced earthly affection the light becomes darkened, the visions fade, he is beguiled into sin and crime. But the gentle gypsy, the object of his passion, becomes his guardian angel by whom he is rescued from perdition and restored to favour