

to which they belong. None are more profound, sagacious, lucid and thorough than are his. Whatever he handles, he "studies it down," and accumulates around it all the collateral knowledge with which his mind was stored. With the disposition of a little child he approaches the sacred oracles. With what loving reverence he handles every word and every phrase, and how devoutly he scans the far-reaching relations of each truth with other truths, and with the practical life of the Christian man! These volumes are a repository of delicious theology, and cannot fail to enrich the mind of the careful reader. There may not be found in them those graces of style which mark the literature of theology in the present time, or that sharply defined criticism of the text to which biblical scholars of these days have attained; but there is far more thought, patient research, comprehension of spiritual truth, and wise application of that truth to religious experience, than are generally to be found associated in works of modern theology. We would by no means recommend Goodwin as a model to be imitated in the modern pulpit. Each age has its own way of clothing its thoughts; and the fashion of one age cannot with benefit be carried into another. Nevertheless, it may be said of Goodwin, that if he is somewhat diffuse, he is always clear; if he is exhaustive and sometimes prolix, he is suggestive, logical, and textual. For homiletical purposes, he may, therefore, be of eminent use. The reading of one of his sermons cannot fail to brace up and enrich the mind of the studious pastor; and will impart an evangelical flavour and unction to the discourse of the Sabbath, which will greatly edify the children of God. No minister's library should be without these books. Congregations would benefit themselves by presenting them to their pastors. For the sum of five dollars, annually, six octavo volumes, of nearly six hundred pages of clear and good type, can be obtained. Volumes more beautifully "got up" have not in these days been issued from any press. They are durably bound, pleasingly ornamental in their finish, and a marvel of cheapness. We trust that they will have a large sale and circulation in this Province. The thanks of the whole church are certainly due to Mr. Nichol for this spirited enterprise.

HEAVENLY WATCHWORDS; OR PROMISES AND COUNTERSIGNS. By L. B. J. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

This is a book which will be highly prized by earnest and experienced Christians. It contains a larger selection of the Divine promises, together with the warrants or counter-signs whereby the believer may infer that he is entitled to the promise. The countersigns, being expressive of different parts of the Christian character and temper, may be used as tests for self-examination. A few verses of poetry, with Scripture proofs, are added.

We subjoin one of the sections as a specimen of the work:—

PROMISE FOR TIME OF TROUBLE.

Weep not—Jesus cares for thee,
Then what of good can fail?
Why shouldst thou thus gloomily
At thought of trouble quail?
He will bear
All thy care;
And if He the burden take,
He will all things perfect make.

PROMISE.—Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overthrow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flames kindle upon thee.—*Isaiah* 41, 10: 43, 2.

COUNTERSIGN.—I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.—*Psalms* 71, 16.

PROOF.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.—*Isaiah* 76, 3.