

*The Inspiration of the Bible.* A Lecture delivered before the Theological Union of Mount Allison Wesleyan College, by the Rev. JOHN LATHERN; and a Sermon preached before the same Body, by the Rev. H. MCKEOWN, Wesleyan Office, Halifax. Pp. 65, price, 20 cents.

This able lecture deserves and should have received an earlier notice, but it has only now reached our desk. The author summarizes the current theological theories upon this subject, and proceeds to elaborate, explain and defend by lucid exposition and cogent argument, the Scriptural statement of the subject. This is one of the most important questions of the day, and we know not where else it is so succinctly and ably treated.

The sermon of the late Rev. H. McKeown, a devout and practical treatment of an important Scriptural theme, possesses pathetic interest as, we believe, the last published utterances of the brother who was so suddenly taken from us.

*Christian Work and Consolation: the Problem of an effective and Happy Life.* By ABEL STEVENS, LL.D. 12mo., pp. 202. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

Dr. Stevens gives us, in this volume, a series of thoughtful essays, first, on Christian work, then, on Christian consolation or reward. He dwells with wise emphasis on lay activity in Church work; on the Christian meaning and aim of life; on the uses of wealth and of "the little talents"; on manners and their ethical importance; on the power of character, of enthusiasm, and of Christian love. A series of edifying chapters follow on peace in believing; on Christian assurance; the discipline of suffering; the joys of life and knowledge.

The whole book bears the impress of Dr. Stevens' wide reading and deep thinking, and is illustrated by numerous anecdotes and incidents from literature and life. Like everything Dr. Stevens writes, it will well repay thoughtful reading.

*Winter Cities in a Summer Land—a Tour, through Florida and the Winter Resorts of the South.*

This is a very handsomely illustrated pamphlet of 126 pages, giving a description of the Southern health resort, to which invalids fly to escape the rigours of a northern winter. It is published by the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific R. R. Co., and contains route maps, tables, rates—everything a tourist wishes to know.

The January number of the *Methodist Quarterly* contains an excellent article by the Rev. E. Barrass, M.A., on the late Dr. Ryerson, accompanied by a fine steel portrait. A late number of the *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine* had an article on the same subject from the same facile pen.

The January number of the *Atlantic Monthly* is of unique interest. It contains articles by Holmes and Whittier, a posthumous poem of Longfellow's, recently discovered, and a story by Hawthorne—such a conjunction of stars of the first magnitude can never occur in the galaxy of literature again. Longfellow's noble dramatic poem—Michael Angelo—of which only one third is given in this number, abounds in some of his most felicitous touches. Take for instance this fine simile of life:—

Whene'er we cross a river at a ford,  
If we would pass it safely, we must keep  
Our eyes fixed steadfast on the shore beyond,  
For if we cast them on the flowing stream,  
The head swims with it; so if we would cross  
The running ford of things here in the world,  
Our souls must not look down, but fix their sight,  
On the firm land beyond.

The remainder of this noble poem—the last gift of the dead poet—will be awaited with deepest interest. Yet apart from this attraction, the *Atlantic* is unquestionably the ablest Magazine in America. It will be given to subscribers to the METHODIST MAGAZINE for \$3.20, full price \$4.