

sion of the universal love of God in the universal atonement made by Christ.

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Thoughts and Conclusions of a Man of years concerning Churches and Church Connection. By the Rev. JOHN CARROLL, D.D. 12mo, pp. 16. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 5 cents each, or 50 cents per dozen.

In this vigorous pamphlet Dr. Carroll has answered a number of inquiries often asked by persons wishing to join a Christian Church, and as yet undecided in their choice. He discusses briefly the subjects of High Churchism, Immersion, Plymouthism, Romanism, etc., and finds in the constitution of the Methodist Church what should meet the wants of any reasonable person. The pamphlet will be useful for circulation by pastors and class-leaders among young converts.

The Royal Path of Life; or, Aims and Aids to Success and Happiness. Compiled from the best authors, ancient and modern, with Introduction by the Rev. JOHN POTTS, D.D. 8vo, pp. 462. Toronto: John B. Magurn.

Books of wise counsel are sometimes very dull reading. This book is a remarkable exception. It unites, in a remarkable degree, wit with wisdom, intense interest with solid value. It gives the views of some of the greatest minds of the world on some of the most important questions of life. The book is pervaded by high moral principle. Its views are based, not upon what is expedient or what is fashionable, but what is right. Among the many subjects treated are the following: Home, Habits, Associates, Education, Reading, Occupation, Energy, Luck and Pluck, Economy, Industry, Dress, Fashion, Manners, Friendship, Courtship, Marriage, Trials, Debt (not that it is insinuated that these last are the consequence of marriage), Prayer, Religion, Old Age, Death. These important themes are treated with marked good sense, and with no

small degree of literary ability. We heartily concur in the introductory remarks of the Rev. Dr. Potts:—"In this age of trashy and pernicious literature, when so many of the young people of the land are becoming intellectually enfeebled and morally poisoned, the advent of a book like this should be hailed with joy by all who feel an interest in the social and religious progress of our country. The teachings of this book are designed to elevate the tone, purify the heart, and strengthen the character of all who accept its teachings and practise its golden precepts."

The Perfections of God Displayed in His Works, and other poems. By the Rev. R. STRACHAN. pp. 32.

This is a dainty little volume of verse by an esteemed poetical contributor to our connexional periodicals. The poems breathe a spirit of earnest piety and are of skillful versification, and several of them are of very superior merit. "Be not Weary in Well Doing" is especially good, but is too long to quote. The following has a true poetic and manly ring:

THE STERLING MAN.

'Tis not the glittering scabbard's sheen
That proves the worthy sword;
Nor polish of the blade, I ween,
Nor gilding of the guard.
But 'tis the fineness of the steel
Of which the sword 's made;
The temper true, from point to hilt,
That proves the worthy blade.

So 'tis with man; not all the sheen
Of wealth or high degree,
Nor pride of birth, or lofty mien,
Makes him true man to be.
'Tis true nobility of mind,
And kindness of heart,
With earnest piety combined,
That sterling worth impart.

Empty Churches and how to Fill Them. By the Rev. J. BENSON HAMILTON. New York: Phillips and Hunt, and Methodist Book Rooms. pp. 104; price, 25 cents.

How to evangelize the masses is the great problem of the day. It is a sad fact that in the midst of Christendom are multitudes of practical heathen. They know no Sabbath, they offer no worship, they