

an example: "If our hearts expanded as readily and easily as our heads swell, the world would be the gainer." "Brevities" is very daintily bound, and makes an attractive volume.

"The Upper Way." An' Open-Air Discourses on the Path of Life, and the Process of Walking Therein. By William Curtis Stiles, B.D. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 226. Price, \$1.00.

In this treatise on the higher Christian life the author has of purpose avoided theological terms. He speaks in the language of every-day life, of the market and the fireside. This removes the veil of remoteness that marks much religious teaching. The word comes home to men's business and bosom. The burden of the author's message is, "Salvation through suffering Love." He pays a beautiful tribute to his wife, through whose higher spiritual insight the truths written in his book have been more clearly discerned.

"The Jewish Encyclopedia." A Descriptive Record of the History, Religion, Literature, and Customs of the Jewish People from the Earliest Times to the Present Day. Isidore Singer, Ph.D., Projector and Managing Editor. Vol. VI. Octavo, pp. xx-618. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$7.

Half of this great work has now been issued. This fact enables us more fully to realize the magnitude of the scale on which it is planned, the ability and learning with which it is executed, and the mechanical excellence of its presentation. It is one of the most important literary enterprises ever undertaken. Only the resources of a great and admirably organized publishing house are adequate to its completion. We have placed this important volume in the hands of a scholarly expert for review.

"The Alienated Crown." By Thomas G. Selby. Manchester: James Robinson. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. vii-400.

This book is another of the admirable volumes of sermons by Non-

conformist ministers issued by James Robinson. It takes its name from the initial discourse, "Let no man take thy crown." Others are Suppressed Vocations, The Satisfaction of Service, Equipped for Well-Doing, The Abounding Assurance, The Buffetings of Faith, The Malignity of Sin, Cross Currents of Character, the Unalterable Gospel, and similar practical topics. The treatment of these august themes is as fresh and suggestive as the titles. The most recent discoveries of science, those of electrons and radium, are laid under tribute to illustrate spiritual truths. The social conditions of the Old Land, the fight with the drink traffic, with other forms of vice and immorality, are much more difficult than anything in our more fortunate Canada.

"Denis Dent." By Ernest Hornung. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Pp. viii-324. Price, \$1.50.

The scene of this story is laid in the vast continent of Australia, principally in the Bendigo and other mining regions. It describes the turbulent conditions of society in the days of early discovery. Shipwreck, war, and disaster are vividly pictured, with the primitive passions to which they give play.

"Old Sins in New Clothes." By George Clarke Peck. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 317. Price, \$1.00.

Books of formal sermons are often a drug on the market. But books of plain, straight talk on Bible truths have an undying interest. Those under notice are unconventional, vivid, and vivacious chapters on themes old as the universe. Their very titles, like that of the book itself, are piquant and suggestive, as, The Perils of Privilege, Inglorious Compromises, Too Easily Content, Not Wasted. If we had more preaching like this, there would be fewer complaints of vacant pews.

"The Makers of Canada. Papineau, Cartier." By Alfred D. DeCelles. Edition de Luxe. Toronto: Morang & Co. Pp. 338. Reserved for further notice.

There is a word I fain would speak,
Jesus died!
O eyes that weep and hearts that break,
Jesus died!

No music from the quivering string
Could such sweet sounds of rapture bring
O may I always love to sing,
"Jesus died! Jesus died!"

—Frances Ridley Havergal.