

“OLD PORTMANTEAU.”

This is a temperance story by Kate W. Hamilton. The leading character is an old gentleman who had come to the lunatic asylum through drink, and makes it his sole life-work, now that he has recovered his senses, to go about distributing temperance literature from an old portmanteau, and uttering ghostly warnings in the ears of rich and poor, old and young. The character of the old gentleman and of his mission, and indeed of the whole story, we can gather from this extract:—

“Your books all treat of one subject?” said a lady who was looking over his stock-in-hand.

“All against one evil: yes, madam. The world’s enemies are many and life is short. One cannot fight them all. I battle with the foe in front of me—the deadliest one I know—and it will take more lifetimes than mine to crush it out. I ask no furlough and there is no discharge in this war.”

“You are in earnest,” said the lady, a touch of wonder in her tone.

Earnest! The glowing eyes turned full upon her. “Madam, when the curse has pierced your heart, darkened your life, destroyed your home, will not you be in earnest?”

“DUTIES OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH.”

This is a little book of thirty-six pages, by Dr. Murphy, author of “Pastoral theology,” which was favourably reviewed in our columns last year. It is fitting that one who laid down their duties for ministers should also lay down the duties of church members towards the Church. He does so under ten heads. The duty (1) of praying for the Church; (2) of attending worship; (3) of supporting the Church; (4) drawing others to the Church; (5) of studying the peace of the Church; (6) of guarding its good name; (7) of standing by the pastor; (8) of contributing to its schemes; (9) of doing some work; (10) especially Sabbath School work.

The three books above noticed can be ordered through *James Bain, Toronto; or, Rev. A. Kennedy, London.*