

to go to these places, he holds that the pulpit is to blame. Newgate prison, in the heart of London, is an eyesore to him, and he longs to transform it into a home for the people. His words regarding the relation between social reform and legislation are worth consideration in Canada at this time. He says, "Now that I am speaking of law, I will add, that very little can be done by legislation. The Christian Church must not in this matter expect too much from the political magistrate. Whatever the law may be, it will drop into ineffectiveness, in fact it will drop into a dead letter, if the public sentiment, which it professedly represents, is reluctant or under-heated. Law can make little headway against public sentiment. Strange as it may appear, vital, settled sentiment is the real law of nations. The Christian Church, therefore, must address itself to the regeneration and thorough enlightenment of moral sentiment. Create in the minds of the people a horror of drinking, and you may leave legislation in that matter to take its own course."

Mr. Bowden also publishes a long octavo of 38 pages, in neat cover, which the Drysdale Company sells for 15 cents. It is called "Divine Magnetism; or The Attractive power of the Cross," by a layman. The layman is a Londoner; he wrote his little book in view of Easter; and he applies what he knows of the laws of magnetism to the spiritual world, in the style of Drummond. His text virtually is, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Some of his analogies will be regarded as materialistically fanciful, but his theology, if not very deep, is sound, and his little sermon is the work of an earnest, spiritually-minded man. The second part of the layman's title is not novel. One of my earliest literary recollections is a little book on the conversion of a Jewess, called, if I remember aright, "Thirza, or The Attractive Power of the Cross." There is much unconscious plagiarism in the world, so that the title may, after all, be original, so far as the layman is concerned.

A very useful book, also issued by Mr. Bowden, is "Victorian Literature, Sixty Years of Books and Bookmen," by