

of pure air. In 1887, the children's Fresh-Air Fund of New York sent some 10,000 persons to country homes for a short period. The same summer the St. John's Guild Floating Hospital carried nearly 24,000 sick children and their mothers. Very often close and tender ties are formed between the poor city waifs and their hosts, which sometimes lead to their adoption and introduction to wholesome country life. This book describes in a touching manner such a country week.

Up Among the Ice Floes. By J. MACDONALD OXLEY. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

Mr. Oxley is a clever Canadian writer, a native of Nova Scotia, now in the civil service at Ottawa, a member of Dominion Methodist Church, a prominent member of the Epworth League. He has won distinction as an able contributor to a number of the foremost American and English magazines and reviews, has written much on Canada subjects, and two or three volumes of narrative interesting for young people. This book is a stirring account of exploration, adventure, whale fishing, bear hunting and the like, by a crew sailing out of Halifax harbour, accompanied by a couple of boys, whose career our young readers will follow with the greatest interest. The book gives also much useful information, and is handsomely printed, bound and illustrated.

The Messiah King. By JAMES WITHERS. London: S. W. Partridge & Co. Pp. viii. 318.

This book is an admirable study of the life and kingdom of Jesus, the Messiah King. It urges his claims to sovereignty in secular as well as in religious affairs. It especially denounces the cruel war spirit which keeps 13,000,000 of men on a war footing in Europe, and is grinding the very life out of the people, and sending the women and children to toil in field and factory and mine. The book has received the highest commendations from the clergy of all denominations, and from the press. The author, a benevolent gentleman in the Isle of Wight, read in the public journals the present writer's account at the Sunday-school Convention in London of the vast extent of the Sunday-school work in Canada, and generously donates through him 500 copies of this book to Canadian Sunday-schools. Any school of any denomination sending through the minister of the Church to which it is attached five cents, to pay cost of mailing, will receive, post free, a copy of this book till the supply is exhausted. Address (enclosing five cents), Rev. Dr. Withrow, Toronto.

Selected Sermons and Lectures. By the late REV. W. STEPHENSON. This is a neat 12mo volume of nearly 200 pp., fine paper, and good type, and is issued from the Methodist Publishing House, Toronto.

The author of the volume was a well-known Methodist Minister in Canada for about twenty years. He was stationed at Toronto, Hamilton,

Ottawa and other places. He was much called for both as a pulpit and platform orator. His people often complained that he responded to so many invitations abroad. His congregations on such occasions were invariably very large.

In 1876 he joined the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and for some years was pastor in New York city. His health became impaired, which compelled him to retire from active labor. When he visited Toronto a few years ago, many were deeply affected to see his emaciated appearance. He had become prematurely aged, and died in 1889. His beloved daughters made a selection from his papers which they have published in loving memory of their beloved father. The volume contains six sermons and three lectures. The former with one exception are brief, but, the latter are complete, and those who heard the lectures on Martin Luther, Woman, and Curiosity and Curious People, need not be told that they are eloquent in the true sense of the term. The volume contains an excellent portrait of the lamented author. To all the friends of William Stephenson, we say, purchase this souvenir.

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Literary Notes.

THE TREASURY FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE.—Its noteworthy papers for May are "The Chaff and Wheat of Religious Thought," by Rev. LeRoy Hooker, of Toronto, with biographical sketch, and portrait and picture of the Metropolitan Church. "A Plea for Foreign Missions," by Roderick Terry, D.D., New York. "John Knox and the Reformation," by Burdett Hart, D.D., New Haven. Dr. John Hall writes of Religious Barrenness. Rev. S. N. Bell furnishes a capital paper on Agnosticism. Its several departments in good things are fully up to former numbers. Yearly, \$2.50; clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies, 25 cents.—E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

"A Great Sunday-School" is the title of the opening article in *The Quiver* for May, and it is followed by an essay on "The World's Trinity," by Rev. J. R. Macduff, D.D. The serial, "Wings of the Morning," reaches its conclusion, and "A Broken Engagement" succeeds it. "Light and Liberty" tells us what the Reformation did and what it does. There are papers designed more especially for Sunday reading and there are others that are appropriate for week-day amusement. There is music, and there are poems of piety and of sentiment. The "Short Arrows" keep the reader well posted in the religious work of the world.—Cassell Publishing Company, 15 cents a number, \$1.50 a year.

A BEAUTIFUL CANADIAN STORY.—*The Graphic*, Chicago's popular illustrated weekly, is publishing a beautiful story of Canadian life, by Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, author of the famous "Romance of Dollard," the "Story of Tonty," and other charming chapters of