

published in London was supposed to reach 100,000 readers in Great Britain, and many times that number in other quarters of the globe. For thirty-three years his sermons were published weekly, or at the rate of five per month, or nearly 2,000 sermons in all. His sermon on "Baptismal Regeneration" reached more than a quarter of a million copies. More of his discourses were sold in America than in England. Several volumes have been printed in Welsh, French, Italian and Dutch languages. Some of his works were translated into the Arabic, and published by the Religious Tract Society.

*The Sword and Trowel*, a weekly magazine, "John Ploughman's Talk," "Morning by Morning," "Lectures to my Students," "The Saint and the Saviour," have all had an extensive circulation. Probably the work which will live longest will be "The Treasury of David," in seven octavo volumes, which cost him more than twenty years of hard labour.

To all our readers who want to obtain a succinct history of Mr. Spurgeon's extraordinary career, we would strongly recommend this little book.—E. B.

*Spurgeon Anecdotes.* Gathered from various sources by REV. JAMES ELLIS. Methodist Book Rooms: Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Boards 35c., cloth 75c.

This is an excellent book, embracing 152 pages, containing 217 anecdotes, all of which are either instructive or amusing, and not a few of them, both. The late Mr. Spurgeon always enjoyed a racy incident, no matter from what source it might come, if it could be used to profit. He seldom delivered an address, either from the pulpit or the platform, that did not contain one or more anecdotes. He knew how that well-told incidents always attracted the attention of the populace. The volume now mentioned may be of great use to those who are accustomed to speak in public. There are three portraits in the volume, that of Mr. Spurgeon, his grandfather, and his son Charles.—E. B.

*Wanted, Antiseptic Christians.* By MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co.

This is an eminently practical work, composed by one of the most successful leaders of the Salvation Army in America.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

*The Thinker*; a Review of World-wide Christian Thought, is a monthly review, published by James Nisbet & Co., London, England. Rev. W. Briggs, D.D., Methodist Book Room, Toronto, is the Canadian agent. Sold at 30c. per number, or \$2.50 per year. Each issue contains ninety-six pages. The articles embrace a wide circulation of subjects. None of the live questions of the day are overlooked. The writers are among the most learned men of all denominations, and every number that we have seen will amply repay a careful perusal.

The opinions of the press, which have been published, are of the most favourable kind. One says, "It is full of good things." Another testifies that "The work will be found to meet a want to which none of our present theological magazines so comprehensively ministers as does this one." One writer declares that "No minister should be without this excellent and useful monthly."

There are several departments in the respective numbers, each of which is under the special care of an able editor. Methodist readers will be glad to find the names of several distinguished divines of the Wesleyan Church in England, among the contributors.

Dr. Briggs should be encouraged for the enterprise he has displayed in introducing this valuable periodical into the Dominion, and we are glad to learn that the subscription list is gradually increasing.—E. B.

The *May Century*, in addition to the serials now running, will contain complete stories by Thomas Nelson Page and Wolcott Balestier, and a humorous skit by Harry Stillwell Edwards, author of "Two Runaways."