

but the words of Jesus translated in the living act and fact. There is in these chapters a fresh and unconventional manner of preaching and a literary grace which make them a fascinating reading, as well as fasten the truth they teach like barbed arrows in the soul. Parallel with the beatitudes expounded are given illustrious examples of their embodiment. These are remarkable character-studies of George Macdonald, the illustration of Blessedness and Power; St. Paul, of the Blessedness of Sorrow; Moses, of the Inheritance of the Meek; Socrates, of Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness; King Alfred, of Mercy; George Fox, of Seeing God; and Charles George Gordon, that heroic English Bayard, by a bold metaphor, soldier though he was, of the Blessedness of the Peacemaker.

In Distance and in Dream. By M. F. SWEITZER. Boston: Joseph Knight Company. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

This is a tender and sympathetic story of a life after death. The translated soul does not forget the home joys and sorrows of survivors, and is permitted to minister heavenly consolations. It reminds one of Miss Mullock's beautiful "Little Pilgrim," but is of more human interest. It makes the other life seem more real and more vivid.

The Revival and the Pastor. By JONAS ORAMEL PECK, D.D. Introduction by J.M. BUCKLEY, D.D. Pp. 279. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is the last word to the world of the late lamented Dr. J O. Peck. His pastorates were always blessed with great revivals, and he here writes out of a full experience as to the wisest methods of securing that all-important end of the Christian ministry. It is the pastor's supreme work, and is the result of a passion for souls. He discusses "Revival Power," "Personal Work," "Revival Hindrances," "Preparation for a Revival," "Its Prosecution," and the important question of the duty of the Church after a revival

in the care of probationers. The counsels to young pastors are words of gold, as, indeed, is the whole book. The reading of this book is itself an inspiration and moral uplift.

Better Days for Working-People. By WILLIAM GARDEN BLAIKIE, D.D., LL.D. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier. Toronto: Wm Briggs. Price, 35c.

This is emphatically a book for the times. The most pressing questions of the day are not so much political, scientific or even religious questions, as social questions. The venerable Dr. Blaikie discusses in this little book such live topics as, What are Better Days? A True Guide to Better Days, The Sweat of the Brow, A Fair Day's Wage for a Fair Day's Work, Health and Strength and How to Keep Them, Home Sunshine, Reading and Recreation, Holy Rest, and Some Possibilities of the Future. Every preacher and teacher, every lover of his kind, will have larger views at once of the difficulties of the problem and of the importance of its solution.

LAST JUNE we had the pleasure of hearing an admirable lecture on "The Language and Literature of the Old Testament" by the Rev. H. C. Hatcher, B.D., delivered before the Theological Union and the Newfoundland Conference, in St. John. We were so impressed with the value of this lecture that we requested permission to print it in this MAGAZINE and had it put in type for that purpose. We subsequently learned that it was an understanding that the lectures of the Theological Union should be published in the *Methodist Quarterly*. We have therefore transferred the article to the editor of that periodical.

IN the November number of this MAGAZINE there is a typographical misprint which conveys an erroneous impression. On page 428, line four, for 91,000 read 1,000—which is a very different thing.