

The Working Church. By CHARLES F. THWING, DD. New York: Baker & Taylor Publishing Company. Price 75 cents.

This is a book of practical counsels by an experienced pastor. He discusses 'Christian work among the children, the young people, business men, the treatment of strangers, of the unchurched, benevolence, rewards of Christian work, etc. His remarks on Sunday-school work and on the management of the prayer-meeting are very judicious. He suggests that the latter be made more a meeting for Bible study and exposition and questioning than a mere "remarks" meeting. While Christian testimony is valuable, it had better be on lines of personal experience, for which the class-meeting, under a judicious leader, is the best place. Dr. Thwing would not exclude this, but would guide it in a definite direction. The Baker-Taylor Company are issuing a number of valuable books on subjects of vital importance.

Volcanoes and Earthquakes. By SAMUEL KNEELAND, A.M., M.D. Illustrated. Boston: D. Lothrop Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.50.

Few subjects are more interesting and mysterious than the phenomena of earthquakes and volcanoes, and their origin. In this handsome volume Dr. Kneeland tells about all that is known on the subject, without going into disputed theories. It gives a popular account of their nature, causes, effects and geographical distribution from personal observation in the Hawaiian and Phillipine Islands, Japan, Iceland, the Mediterranean Basin, Spain and the United States. From personal familiarity with some of the places described we can testify to the accuracy of the description given. The book combines in a remarkable degree fascinating, interesting and scientific instruction. Huge lake of fire, Maun Loa; the great geysers and jokulus of Iceland; the strange attractions of Vesuvius, Ætna and Stromboli; the phenomena of fracture, upheaval and subsidence are

succinctly, and yet fully, treated. There are a number of graphic illustrations.

Paul's Ideal Church and People. A Popular Commentary, with a Series of Forty Sermonettes on the First Epistle to Timothy. By ALFRED ROWLAND, LL.B., B.A. (London University.) New York: E. E. Treat. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The custom of expository preaching is, we are glad to observe, becoming more and more common. The word "sermonettes" we do not like at all, but the short sermons here given compress much practical teaching into very brief space. Dr. Rowland is an able English scholar of the Congregational Church. We like his treatment of this beautiful epistle, for the fact that he goes to the very heart of the text with a simplicity and directness that will commend itself to every reader. His critical introduction and exegetical notes give the results, if not the processes, of the highest scholarship.

Hand-Book of Canadian Dates. By FRED A. MCCORD. Montreal: Dawson Brothers. Price 75 cents.

This is a very useful hand-book. The dates of all the leading events in Canadian history are given. The duration of every cabinet, the change of every ministry, the record of every Parliament and of every Provincial Legislature is recorded; and almost every fact the date of which one wishes readily to ascertain.

Problems of American Civilization—their Practical Solution the Pressing Christian Duty of To-day. New York: Baker & Taylor Publishing Co. Price 75c.

This volume, and the one next noted, are reprints of the discussion of the Christian Conference held at Washington in 1887. Among the subjects treated are Ultramontaniam, by Bishop Cox; the Saloon, by Dr. Haygood; the Church and the Labour Question, by Dr. McCosh; the City as a Peril, by Dr. Daniel