

Sermons. The Rev. F. S. Schenck has very usefully employed himself in constructing a volume of discourses on the Ten Commandments, showing how their principles apply to the common life and occupations of the present day. *The Ten Commandments in the Nineteenth Century* (1) consists of eleven sermons delivered to the congregation of the Brick Church, Montgomery, New York State, of which Mr. Schenck is pastor, and apply in the first instance to the faults and failings of the American people; but human nature in New York State is not different from that on this side the Atlantic, or in any other part of the world, and therefore these sermons will be useful far beyond the walls within which they were uttered. They are pleasant to read, sound, plain, and practical. They are well printed on good paper, but the volume, as a material thing, is heavier than any book of the same size that we can recollect.

More Echoes from a Village Church (2) is a little volume of charming addresses delivered, as we suppose, in the church of the village of which Mr. Harper is Rector. They well deserve a wider scope, and we can commend them not only as notes and models for country preachers, but for family and private reading. They are short, simple, and satisfactory; their theology is sound; their tone is excellent; and though their author says he feels they are not what they ought to be, yet they bear the impress of careful preparation, wide reading, and hearty sympathy, and withal an attractive modesty. We cordially echo the spirit in which they are issued.

Sermon Stuff (3) is better than its title. It is a volume containing fifty skeletons of sermons, and two sermons fully written out. The sketches are clear, concise, and comprehensive, displaying much reading and resource. They are broad in tone, in sympathy, and withal in opinion; but in order to be used with effect they must be well thought out. This is no drawback, but rather the contrary.

Sermons Preached in the East (4) are plain and practical pulpit efforts up to the average level, but not beyond it.

(1) *The Ten Commandments in the Nineteenth Century.* By F. T. Schenck, Pastor of the Brick Church, Montgomery, N.Y. New York and London: Funk & Wagnall. 1889.

(2) *More Echoes from a Village Church.* By Rev. F. Harper, M.A., Rector of Hinton Waldrist. London: J. F. Shaw & Co. 1889.

(3) *Sermon Stuff.* By S. D. McConnell, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. London: R. D. Dickinson. 1889.

(4) *Sermons Preached in the East.* By Charles Henry Butcher, D.D. London: Elliot Stock.