

dition. The volume above noted will be found full of invaluable suggestions to pastors or others willing to co-operate in this good work.

The World's Witness to Jesus Christ; the power of Christianity in developing Modern Civilization. By the Rt. Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 8vo. Price \$1.

The Bedell Lectures on the evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion; or, the Relations of Science and Religion, have been established by private beneficence in connection with the Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Ohio and Kenyon College.

These great lectures trace with great skill and beauty what has been called "The hand of God in history," especially in the evolution of a higher Christian civilization with the progress of time, illustrating Tennyson's lines:

For I doubt not through the ages
An increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened
With the courses of the suns.

An august theme nobly treated.

Hints for Home Reading. A series of Chapters on Books and their use. Edited by LYMAN ABBOTT. pp. 147. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This is a capital book, on what to read, and how. A glance at its contents will show its scope. Charles Dudley Warner writes on Why young people read trash; Cyrus Hamlin and H. W. Beecher give plans of reading; E. E. Hale and F. B. Perkins discuss the choice of books; Joseph Cook tells us How to make dull boys read, and How to preserve the results of reading; and Lyman Abbott gives Hints for people that do not read; G. P. Putnam adds suggestions for household libraries, and lists of the best books for their formation. Like a guide to a man lost in a dense forest are such books as those here noticed to the tyro in the vast field of literature.

False Hopes; or, Fallacies, Socialistic and Semi-Socialistic, briefly answered. An address by GOLDWIN, SMITH, D.C.L. Pp. 69. New York: John W. Lovell. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

In this address Professor Smith dissects with critical scalpel the various socialistic theories of the times. And they furnish curious cases of morbid anatomy. They evidently present no solution of the social problem, and offer no means for the regeneration of society. They tend rather to its disintegration and destruction. Communism, Nihilism, Satanism, Socialism, Agrarianism, Fiat Money and Bimetallism, are all shown to be utterly opposed to the principles of a sound political and social economy. We believe that the only true and efficient amelioration of the condition of society shall result from the prevalence of Christian sentiment and Christian practice—the observance of the Golden Rule—among men.

Count Erbach; a Story of the Reformation. Translated from the German of Armin Stein. By JAMES J. HELM, D.D. Pp. 258. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.25.

The Lutheran Reformation was one of the great epochal events on which turned the destinies of Christendom. The Reformation era, therefore, can never lose its interest in history or romance. In the book above named, a staunch disciple of Luther, with intimate acquaintance with the picturesque and dramatic incidents accompanying the great Reformation, has woven them into a singularly graphic story, bringing before us the principal actors in the great drama of the time—Tetzel, Luther, and other adherents of both the old faith and the new. The extravagance and blasphemy of Tetzel's indulgence-mongering would seem incredible were they not corroborated by historical documents cited. This is a good book to have in Sunday-school libraries.