

Reviews of Useful Leaflets.

"Unemployed Talent in the Church." The Auxiliary has still to be heard from, we think, in which this leaflet could not be appropriately used. The truth impressed is, that to each of us God has given some talent to use in His service, and that it is for the right use of the talent entrusted to us, that He will hold us responsible, *not for the one given to our neighbor.* We must "stir up the gift that is in us."

It is not easy to imagine what "**Winding up a Horse**" can have to do with missionary work, but the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, makes it quite plain that between this particular horse, at any rate, and some good people, there are many points of resemblance. The title suggests something in the machinery line, but no! it is an amusing account of a real, live horse, who, having been frightened the first time he was started in a carriage, ever afterwards balked at starting, till his master, after many trials, hit upon the plan of *winding him up.* The operation was performed by passing a loop of cord through a hole in a bamboo stick, slipping the loop down to the roots of the left ear, and gradually twisting the stick round and round. As the pain increased, the animal's attention was abstracted—he forgot the carriage and walked off. From time to time the severity of the operation was lessened, but to the very end of his life, his ear had to be touched before he could, or would, start. If we can find nothing appropriate to our own case in the application of the story, we can all, probably, think of some of our neighbors who require to be "wound up" before they will take an active part in any good work.

In "**Ways of Working,**" under the heading of "**Mission Bands for Boys,**" we have something that will, no doubt, prove a timely help to many of our workers who are anxiously seeking an answer to the question, "*What can we do to interest the boys?*" It is a bright and pleasantly written account of the workings of a successful Band, and is full of helpful and practical suggestions, which could be utilized in our Bands for girls, as well as in those for boys.