

few passages in the Gospei in regard to which evangelical opinion is seriously at variance." This volume will be especially valuable to Sunday-school teachers and superintendents as covering the ground of the lessons for the first half of this year.

A valuable general introduction to the New Testament is prefixed by the venerable Dr. Alvah Hovey, the general editor of the comprehensive commentary of which this volume forms a part. The work is stereotyped at the expense of a bequest for that purpose by Gardner Colby; so, though a large volume, it is published at a low price.

Sermons Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. By JOHN COOK, D.D., LL.D. 8vo, pp. 354. Montreal: Dawson Brothers.

More than a score years ago we heard Dr. Cook preach in a hotel parlour in Cacouna. The memory of his beauty of style and earnestness of spirit has remained with us ever since. Many will remember the thrilling occasion on which Dr. Cook appeared before the Methodist Conference as the honoured spokesman for his own Church, when Dr. Punshon, grasping his hand, joined with him in a "solemn league and covenant against all the sin and the Man of Sin." In these pages the large loving heart and spiritual nature of the man are more fully disclosed. Of the twenty-seven sermons in this volume all but nine are from the New Testament—most of them from the Gospels, and many of them discussing the purpose and work of the Redeemer. They contain the very "marrow and fatness of the Gospel." As devout worshippers come nearer to the Cross and the Crucified One, they come nearer to one another, and we feel our common spiritual kinship in all the Churches. While eminently practical, some of these sermons discuss profound religious problems, as those on the separate functions of law and love, on the outer and inner creed in men, on why there is not more evidence of a future life, and the like.

Modern Cities and Their Religious Problems. By SAMUEL LANE LOOMIS. With an Introduction by the Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D. Cloth, 211 pages; price \$1. New York: The Baker and Taylor Company. Toronto: William Briggs.

This book sets out with the assertion that the city is the Gibraltar of civilization. If it be held for God and righteousness it is a bulwark of truth. If it be dominated by the saloon and places of vicious resort, it becomes an intrenched fortress of evil. The author discusses in this important volume the growth and social composition of modern cities, and the menaced peril of Christian civilization which they constitute. But while he shows us the bane he also points out the antidote. He shows how successful Christian work has been in London, Paris, and elsewhere, and devotes a valuable chapter to the suggestions for promoting greater efficiency in the evangelization of the great churchless and godless masses of large cities. There is in this book much to stir the heart of the lover of his kind. When Christ beheld the multitudes he had compassion upon them. So should His Church. Rich churches are in danger of becoming little more than social clubs. The only safeguard is to engage in aggressive Christian work on the lines indicated in this volume.

The Catacombs of Rome and their Testimony Relative to Christianity. By W. H. WITHROW, D.D. Cr. 8vo, pp. 560. London: Hodder, Stoughton & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is the fourth English edition of this book. The eminent publishing house which issued the earlier editions has just brought out this one in handsome style on heavy paper, with wide margins and uncut edges, and well bound. It is somewhat of a compliment to a Canadian book that it should reach so many English editions, besides having a large sale in the United States and Canada. It has been very favourably