

for. If the object of book-writing and reading is to make people better, that object should be attained by Dr. Whyte and his many readers.

The William Drysdale Co., of Montreal, sends eight volumes. The first is a series of sermons by the Rev. John Oates, of North Finchley, entitled "The Sorrow of God." It is a crown octavo of 240 pages, bound in what is technically known as buckram, and its price is one dollar. A Toronto literary man bore the nom-de-plume of Moses Oates, and, associated with the last of the Stuarts and the Revolution, was Titus Oates, the Salamanca doctor. But the Rev. John Oates is a different man, a Non-Conformist minister, evidently, and the author of a work on "The teaching of Tennyson." His first sermon on the Sorrow of God would, some years ago, have led to his trial as a patripassian. Now, however, all thoughtful theologians, on both sides of the Atlantic, find in Christ's life and death the revelation of an atonement in the infinite heart of God. The oneness of the Trinity in redemption is thus asserted. Mr. Oates' sermons are well worth reading, both as containing great truths carefully thought out, and as models of literary composition. His many quotations from, and references to, works in literature, philosophy, science and art, reveal a mind of more than usual culture. His conceptions are lofty rather than broad, his tone is beautifully reverent, and his aim is to lead souls into ever closer fellowship with God through the Divine Revealer. The book is published by Mr. James Bowden, of London.

Another of Mr. Bowden's publications is Dr. Joseph Parker's "Regenerated London, a Plea for a Layman's League," a small book of 36 pages, oblong octavo, paper, price ten cents. In vigorous language the minister of the City Temple urges the formation of an undenominational league of Christian laymen, to create and foster a healthy public opinion on all the great moral questions of the day. He does not wish to be paritainical, and would rather see working people in museums and picture galleries or at concerts on Sundays than in saloons. If, on the other hand, they leave the churches