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Very many Churches now make use of the responsive reading of Scripture in public worship. Visitors to Chautauqua have felt the sublime effect thus produced in that great congregation of 6,000 persons. The compiler of this book has collated from the Old and New Testaments, and topically arranged, over sixty reading passages, illustrating as many subjects appropriate for public readings. It will also be of use as a Pastor's Hand-Book of passages on these special subjects.

We are glad to see that the Methodist writers of Canada are not only able to furnish more than enough literary material for a Magazine of their own, but that they can also contribute largely to American and British periodicals. Among the most diligent in this respect is our esteemed contributor the Rev. E. Barrass, M.A., whose articles in the *Methodist Quarterly*, New York, and *English Wesleyan Magazine* we have recently noticed. In the January number of the *Quarterly Review* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—which is by the way an admirably conducted Review, 192 pp., 8vo., \$3 a year; Rev. Dr. Henlon, Macon, Ga., editor—he has an admirable article on the late Dr. Ryerson. The leading article in the same review is a philosophical paper by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary of our Church, on "the Decline of Calvinism." This form of Christian truth which has moulded such heroic souls as Knox, Calvin, the Covenanters, the Camisards, the Ironsides, he shows is being greatly modified by modern thought. On this subject a late number of the *Independent* vindicates the heroism of Arminian theology.

"Savonarola's soul went out in fire," says a eulogist of Calvinism, "but his name rings down the widening circles of the heaving æons—a watchword. And their names

shall ring on as watchwords who, like Savonarola, are not afraid to stand for and utter the truth. *Magna est veritas et prevalebit!* There is no tramp, tramp, tramp adown the shuddering and seismic ages like the grand old sturdy, steady Calvinistic tramp, the tramp of the true apostolic succession, the tramp of the men whom the truth has made free; of the men who have written our catechisms, and founded our Christendom, and taught us our civilization; of the men who, erect, heroic, colossal, left their ashes on fair fields of martyrdom and stood in chains and flames to make Geneva, England, Holland, Scotland, and the German Empire what they were and are."

"The Calvinists," replies the *Independent*, "have done some magnificent tramping in their day, but the present seismic æon shudders through its reverberant corridors responsively to an Arminian tramp as sturdy, heroic, and colossal, and in as true an apostolic succession as that which carried the catechisms of Geneva and Holland."

John W. Lovell Co. have arranged with the Rev. R. Heber Newton, to publish in their popular "Lovell's Library," the sermons now in the course of delivery, on "The Right and Wrong Uses of the Bible." The whole series of sermons, seven in all, will be issued in one volume, printed from large type in neat 12mo form, paper covers, for 20 cents.

We regret that in the Rev. LeRoy Hooker's excellent essay on Lowell, in our January number, were some slight typographical errors. On page 27, line 13, for "to" read "on." Page 28, line 15, insert "not" at beginning of line. Page 30, line 23, delete "his." Page 35, line 11, for "has" read "have." Such mistakes are alike annoying to author and editor, but they will sometimes happen, despite the most careful supervision. We have seen famous editions of the Scriptures, in both English and German, in which the word "not" is omitted from one of the prohibitive Commandments.