

Book Notices.

Discourses and Addresses. By GEO. DOUGLAS, D.D., LL.D. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 403. Price, cloth, with portrait, \$1.25.

This volume is a beautiful memorial of a noble life. The many friends of Dr. Douglas, throughout the length and breadth of Canada and beyond, will be glad to have this collection of a number of his eloquent sermons and matchless addresses. As one turns the pages one may hear again the cadence of that wonderful voice, and feel again the deep emotion which his words inspired.

In addition to some of the grandest of his sermons are a number of his ablest addresses, as his missionary speech, given at Albany, in 1838, his Œcumenical addresses at London, in 1881, and Washington, in 1891, the Wesleyan Centenary address, and his stirring fraternal address to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Never again shall we hear among us this stately, ornate kind of eloquence, enriched with historic allusions and poetic quotations like a royal robe embroidered with gold and gems.

It is beautifully significant of the wide love and reverence in which our departed Apollon was held, that three leading men of three great Churches, the Rev. William Arthur, representing English Methodism; Bishop Foster, of American Methodism, and Dr. Potts, speaking for our own Canadian Church, should introduce this volume to its many readers on both sides of the sea. The beautiful and tender biographical sketch, prefaced to this volume, presents in brief the outlines of this noble life—a story of rarely paralleled suffering, illumined by heroic courage and Christian faith. An admirable vignette portrait accompanies the volume, which is beautifully printed and bound.

The Holy Spirit and Christian Privilege. By THOMAS G. SELBY. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 272. Price, \$1.25.

This is another volume of the "Life Indeed" Series, and on one of the most important subjects on which the human mind can dwell. We live under the dispensation of the Spirit. When the Church of Christ comprehends more and more of the length and breadth and depth of the meaning of this divine bestowment, then shall new power clothe her ministrations and unwonted conquests follow her endeavours. Under such headings as "The New Logic of the Pentecost," "The Inspirer of Prayer," "The Inward Intercessor," "Lay Prophesying," "The Sealing Spirit," "The Spirit and a New Sense of Sin," the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit, giving energy and efficacy to the Word and to the life, are strikingly enforced. The writer seems to be a layman and writes with wonderful freshness and vigor.

In speaking of the need of divine illumination to see heavenly things, our author says, "There is within everyone of us an ingrained unfitness to receive the things of the Spirit, which nothing but a new birth by the power of God can take away."

"Where the rudiments of sense exist, it may be helped or educated; but the sense itself can only be imparted by a birth. The optician may aid the natural power of the eye with his lenses, or hide a defect by what is artificial; the surgeon may transplant flesh, and build up some mutilated feature, or cover over some disfigurement, but no skill can create the specialized sense which distinguishes color, detects scent, or judges of musical pitch. These incomprehensible discriminations come with the birth, and if wanting are