

every book must have a title. Of the *contents* of the book we need scarcely speak. Dr. Cochrane is well known as a preacher, lecturer and author. These sermons are, we presume, fair specimens of those delivered in Brantford during his long and successful pastorate. Whether they are homiletically constructed we do not say. In them, as one would expect, are many truly eloquent passages. There are many more passages mutilated by the seemingly hap-hazard distribution of punctuation points. It must be vexatious to an author to have his finest sentences rendered meaningless by a stupid, careless or ignorant proof-reader.

The mechanical part of the work is not altogether creditable. The binding is cheap but showy; the designs on the cover are meant to be artistic, but are certainly not suited to a volume of sermons. The letterpress is good. A good cut of Zion Church, Brantford, adorns the frontispiece. In the Biographical section are pictures of the several men referred to. Then there are scattered through the book, at convenient intervals, a number of illustrations—by Doré and others—such as one finds in cheap Family Bibles. Why they are here and what they illustrate is difficult to know. Sermons should be illustrated—but not by cheap wood-cuts of pictures, the originals of which are condemned by eminent *connoisseurs*. These may do well enough for children's magazines, but are rather incongruous in a volume of sermons. It is to be regretted when a work by a Canadian author is got up by Canadian publishers in a style that in any way offends good taste. They surely do not suppose their readers are so uncultured as not to be offended at gaudy binding and commonplace wood-cuts.

FUTURE PROBATION: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE QUESTION, "IS SALVATION POSSIBLE AFTER DEATH?" London: James Nisbet & Co. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

The question: "Is Salvation Possible After Death?" is of the highest speculative and theological importance, and the discussion of it by able and thoughtful men cannot but be of interest. This discussion was carried on in a series of papers in the popular form of a symposium in the columns of the *Homiletic Magazine*, by writers and thinkers of distinguished ability. These papers are reprinted in book form and present a goodly volume, well got up, of 325 pages.

The writers, thirteen in number, do not by any means take the same view of the subject. In fact the subject is looked at from nearly every standpoint, and many contradictory opinions are advanced and defended. The following may be named as representing four different types of writers:—Rev. Stopford Brooke, M.A., who goes far beyond the question and affirms the certain final salvation of every member of the human race; Rev. Edward White, who pronounces against universal salvation, and in favor of an offer being made after death to those to whom that offer has not been made in this life; Rev. Dr. Littledale, who does not give an affirmative answer, but is inclined towards universal restoration, and to the theory of probation after death; Rev. Principal Cairns, who, writing with characteristic reverence for Scripture, does not see any ground for