

and then, if on the other days of the week the last page of *Onward*, the *Bevern Leaf*, or any other lesson help be consulted, the lesson will have been fairly well prepared by Sunday, while but a few minutes time may have been spent on it each day. There is an immense advantage in studying from God's Word, say, the first three days, as outlined above. Then, having been at the fountain head, and having formed some conclusions of our own, we can with greater skill weigh words of man's wisdom upon the remaining days of the week.

St. John, N.B.

Book Notice.

The Gospel of the Kingdom. A Popular Exposition of the Gospel according to Matthew. By C. H. SPURGEON. With Introductory Note by Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon; and an Introduction to the American Edition by Arthur T. Pierson. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. 12mo. Cloth. 512 pp. Price \$1.50.

One who, with his graphic pen, did nobler work than any mere artist or sculptor with brush or chisel, fell on the 31st of January, 1892, leaving this his last and best work.

Charles H. Spurgeon had a rare insight into the Word of God, and into spiritual truth. He was a seer of wonderfully clear vision. He saw beneath the letter to the spirit of divine truth. He was both an example and proof that the days of anointed eyes and anointed tongue are not past, and that the "Uncion from the Holy One," which confers both spiritual perception and effective utterance, was not confined to apostolic times.

This commentary on the Gospel according to Matthew is the latest and ripest of his life's labors. It will be found a tree laden with rich fruit, and evidencing a soil singularly fertile, and the culture which bespeaks a divine husbandman. We predict for this volume a larger sale than for any of Spurgeon's previous works, partly because it is his latest, and has, in a sense, the aroma of his dying days; and partly because it is a simple, brief and charming memorial of the most effective popular preacher of his age. Every page is, like his sermons, full of his Master, and yet sparkling with his own unique individuality. These pages will be found to disclose many of the secrets of his power in discerning, expounding and applying the Gospel. The reader will find himself here keeping perpetual company with one whose soul followed hard after God, and who loved the paths which his Saviour had trodden before him.

Through these pages may he, who is dead, still continue to speak.

This work will throw much light on the lessons for 1894.

Opening and Closing Services.

THIRD QUARTER.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
- II. Singing.
- III. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. Blessed are the poor in spirit:
School. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Supt. Blessed are they that mourn:
School. For they shall be comforted.
Supt. Blessed are the meek:
School. For they shall inherit the earth.
Supt. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
School. For they shall be filled.
Supt. Blessed are the merciful:
School. For they shall obtain mercy.
Supt. Blessed are the pure in heart:
School. For they shall see God.
Supt. Blessed are the peacemakers:
School. For they shall be called the children of God.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer.

VI. Responsive Reading of a Scripture Lesson [not the Sunday-school lesson for the day, but appropriate to it].

VII. Singing.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson. [Special lessons in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report:

School. If there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Supt. And the God of peace shall be with you.

III. Dismission.