

Emerson does. Should a skeptical lecturer have more force and influence, than an ambassador for Christ? Yet the out-spoken boldness of Emerson gives him a position of power, which is often denied to orthodoxy, because that orthodoxy tampers with the vanities and shows of the day. Preachers such as Paul, are required to match the giants of false philosophy. There are some such, may the God of truth raise up more!

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the Wesleyan monthlies for December, which have been promptly forwarded by the enterprising importer, Mr. E. Pickup of Montreal. We have not yet had time to read them through, which we make a point of doing, not excepting the "Early Days," but we shall, judging from the past, be safe in saying that the literature of Methodism is not behind that of any other section of the Christian Church. Mr. Pickup in a statement accompanying the Magazines agrees to furnish the four monthlies at the low price of \$3.60 for the year 1861; that is The Wesleyan Methodist Magazine, The Christian Miscellany,—The Sunday School Magazine, and The Early Days. We sincerely hope that Mr. Pickup's worthy efforts to introduce pure Wes-

leyan literature into Canada will be attended with that abundant success which it deserves.

The Teetotaler's Hand Book, in four parts, with an Introduction and Appendix by the Rev. William Scott. Published by Alfred Dredge, Toronto. This is an interesting "compilation of valuable information for the use of all classes," by one who for a number of years ably edited the *Temperance Advocate*. It comprises a succinct history of the temperance cause, an account of the prohibitory movement, a choice selection of poetry, and a number of important facts and amusing anecdotes. Such a manual has long been a desideratum, and should be in the hands of every friend of temperance. Public advocates of the cause will find it a very valuable help. The compiler has admirably performed his task, and deserves the thanks of those who are laboring to free society of one of its greatest evils. The mechanical execution of the work reflects much credit on its enterprising publisher, who seems determined to raise home production on a par with foreign importation. Both in the printing and in the binding it is exceedingly neat, and will be an ornament to the drawing room table.

Varieties.

THE ROMAN SENTINEL.—When Pompeii was destroyed, there were many buried in the ruins of it who were afterwards found in very different situations. There were some found who were in the streets as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in deep vaults as if they had gone thither for safety. There were some found in lofty chambers: but where did they find the Roman Sentinel? They found him standing at the

city gate, with his hand still grasping the war weapon, where he had been placed by his captain; and there while the heavens threatened him, there while the earth shook beneath him, there while the lava stream rolled, he had stood at his post,—and there, after a thousand years had passed away, was he found. So let Christians learn to stand to their duty, willing to stand to the post at which their captain has placed them, and they will find their