

Beveridge contends that the Russian advance, like that of the British, is an inevitable movement. He takes a favourable view of Russian administration as he saw it. A Russian officer apparently treats his soldiers more as a father treats his children, instead of in the martinet and oppressive manner of the German officers. The development of the vast region of Siberia will be a surprise to many readers. Irkutsk, for instance, has a splendid museum and opera-house. The numerous maps in the book enable us to better understand the enormous expansion of Russia from decade to decade. The growth of Russian railways is almost as remarkable as its territorial extension. Till it reached Port Arthur, Russia had no seaport open throughout the year, and even at Dalny, where at vast expense a port has been created, the breakwater has facilitated the freezing up of the port, which even the ice-breakers can scarce prevent. This is a book of such importance that we shall take an opportunity to give it further notice.

"Waiting upon God." By the late A. B. Davidson, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D. Edited by J. A. Paterson, D.D., Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xi-378. Price, \$1.75.

The death of Dr. Davidson was an irreparable loss, not merely to the Presbyterian Church, but to Protestant Christendom. These sermons reveal anew the greatness of the man. The exegetical element "pervades them all but burdens none." As his colleague, Dr. Paterson, remarks, "The manifold practical applications, the suggestive illustrations from nature, and the subtle analysis of human character and motive, prove that this scholar, at least, walked through the world open-eyed." We commend the book not merely to preacher and teacher, but also to people immersed in the business of life.

"Paterson's Guide to Switzerland" and "Guide to the Rhine and its Provinces." With Maps and Plans. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xiv-162; xiv-174. Price, 1s. 6d. net, each.

We have used many tourist guides,

but are not acquainted with any so concise, yet so accurate and sufficiently full, as those under review. They are inexpensive, of neat pocket size, with excellent coloured maps and plans, with just the information that tourists need—steamer and carriage rates, historical and other information. It adds immensely to an intelligent enjoyment of foreign travel to possess a good guide-book. Such, indeed, we conceive to be absolutely indispensable. There is an education in travel which nothing else can give, and Paterson's Guides go far to make that education more comprehensive and thorough.

"The Great Portraits of the Bible." By Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D.D., Author of "The Great Sinners of the Bible," etc. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 351. Price, \$1.50.

Dr. Banks adds another to his many books of fresh and vigorous sermons. They are short and, unlike most sermons, very readable, abounding in illustration and incident. They are, in this sense, like the sermons of the Master Himself, for "without a parable spake he not unto the people."

"Imperial Preferential Trade from a Canadian Point of View." By Adam Shortt, M.A., Professor of Political Science, Queen's University, Kingston. Toronto: Morang & Co., Ltd. Pp. 62. Price, 25c.

It is gratifying to find a Canadian professor dealing in such lucid and luminous method with such a practical subject. It demonstrates that political economy is not the "dismal science" it has been called. This is not an academical discussion, but one which comes home to every man's business and bosom. It is a contribution of much importance to the fiscal discussion now in progress on both sides of the sea.

"History of the Christian Church." By George H. Dryer, D.D. Five volumes. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs.

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