

readers ; but his remarks on some of the proverbs are good and true, and at times original.

Most novels relate the sorrows, delights, the struggles and endeavours of lovers on their way to the haven of matrimony ; but in *Husbands and Wives* (5) Miss Worboise begins with matrimony, and tells us what storms and difficulties may beset those that have entered upon that ancient state. Three couples have their fortunes told in the volume before us. One couple have apparently all the conditions of happiness, but the possession of a secret on the wife's part mars everything ; another couple have to work hard and to economize, and live in apartments for a long time, but theirs is an unclouded summer of enjoyment ; and the third couple are lovers for a good while—thus giving a more youthful interest to the book—and then they, too, are happily married. The good people in the book are almost too much so, and the villainy of the villain might easily have been disposed of by a little common sense. But the book is very interesting, and instructive too ; and if it teaches people that it is not always successful to “marry for money,” that straitened means do not always signify misery, and that in all cases it is best to be open and straightforward, and not to expect too much of anybody, it will not have been written in vain. It has reached the tenth thousand, which is satisfactory in every way.

*Faith and Duty* (6) is the title of a series of Scripture lessons arranged for every Sunday in the year. The volume differs in character from the yearly courses of lessons previously published by the Church of England Sunday School Institute ; it is more varied in character, and is intended to teach the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, and to give also a prominent place to the practical duties of daily life. It is issued under a joint authorship, and it gains in utility by the fact. The lessons are rather long, but as they are divided into heads, it may not be needful to go through all at once. When these lessons are duly studied by the teacher, and impressed on the scholar, they will undoubtedly have a most useful effect.

*Cottage Lectures* (7) were delivered to mothers' meetings by the authoress, and are recommended to be read at such gatherings with a good deal of reason, for they are upon subjects which all mothers ought to be acquainted with. The volume contains ten lectures on health, and how to keep it. The first is introductory ; the next three are upon food and digestion ; the fifth, sixth, and seventh are on the blood ; the eighth is on alcohol, which, if used at all, is recommended