

this volume when addressing Sabbath Schools, but we refer them to these discourses as admirable examples of "How to do it." But, as the title shows, the author has in view "the Church *in the house*," and he has provided 26 complete "services" for its use, each consisting of two brief lessons from the Old and New Testament, a hymn, the Sermon, another hymn, and a prayer. All is admirably done: the Lessons chosen with rare tact, the hymns never mere pious doggerel, and the prayers models of their kind. How rare it is to hear a true children's prayer! They are often prayed *for*, sometimes prayed *at*, but seldom prayed *with*, and nearly always too long. These prayers are short, and in short sentences, yet very comprehensive. We must quote one, following the Sermon, "of the Myrtle that became a Star," (Esther.)

"O God, we thank Thee that we are allowed to call Thee Father. We bless Thee on behalf of all whom Thou hast kindly cared for, by sparing their father and mother to them on earth. We praise Thee for parent's love, and tender keeping. We pray for poor orphans. Raise up friends for them. Teach them to call Thee Father. Pity poor heathen mothers and fathers, that are cruel to their own babes. Send the gospel to them. Bless our beloved Queen, and make her reign long and prosperous, and bless the Prince Consort, and all the princes and princesses of the royal family. May they be made to shine like stars in their high station. May we all shine, Lord, in Thy light, here below, and hereafter for ever in heaven, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

We congratulate parents on this new help in making the Sabbath "a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable," and are glad to learn that the author (a U. P. minister) designs another volume of a similar kind, thus providing for all the Sabbaths of a year. We must not forget to add that the Publishers have set his "apple of gold" in a "picture of silver."

LECTURES ON THE BOOK OF PROVERBS, BY THE REV. RALPH WARDLAW, D. D.; Edited by his Son, the Rev. J. S. Wardlaw, A. M. Vol. I. Fullarton, Macnab, & Co., New York. Rollo & Adams, Toronto.

It is proposed to publish the posthumous works of Dr. Wardlaw, in eight volumes. They are to consist of expository lectures, delivered during the course of the author's ministry, and will embrace the Book of Proverbs, the Prophecies of Zechariah, the Epistle to the Romans, the Epistle of James, and Lectures on the Life and Character of the Apostle Paul. The well known ability of the lamented Dr. Wardlaw, will prepare the reading public for a masterly exposition of the portions of Scripture treated by him in feeding the flock over which he presided so long and so successfully. The lectures on the Proverbs are to occupy two volumes. This first volume will answer the expectations of those who value clear expository teaching, connected with warmth of practical piety and evangelical power. Other works on the Proverbs by no means set aside the necessity for this. Bridges—*sergent and evangelical*—is rather adapted for reference than consecutive reading; while Arnot, singling out points of great importance, brings out the individual topic with great power and beauty. Wardlaw, however, follows the whole course of the book, and weaves together, by the clear view taken of a general principle, much that at first sight might seem without connection. We deem the book one of much value: and venture the opinion, that a congregation will be trained to become mighty in scripture, by the kind of teaching these lectures illustrate, rather than by the usual mode of preaching sermons on short texts.

We may mention that the volume is printed in Edinburgh, but has the imprint of the house in New York, and is sold for \$1 25c.