

cious style, by the same evidence of wide reading and clear strong thought, and by the same wit and wisdom, humour and learning of his former books. He possesses a keen insight into the men and books and things on whom or on which he writes. The subjects he treats are of importance, as will be seen from the following examples out of many: De Quincey, South, Spurgeon, Story, Moral Grahamism, The Morality of Good Living, Writing for the Press, Working by Rule, Too much Speaking, Book Buying, etc. Dr. Matthews' opinions on these subjects are of importance, and they are so expressed as to be easily learned and long remembered. The book is not of ephemeral interest, but is one to be read and kept and read again.

*The Wonders of Prayer: A Remarkable Record of well-authenticated Answers to Prayer.* HENRY T. WILLIAMS, author and publisher, New York.

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and it strengthens the faith to know that such has been the experience of others. Several hundreds of such incidents are here recorded, all of which are said to be well-authenticated. We think the value of the book would be enhanced if the authorities for the incidents were given, and if some few, the authenticity of which it is difficult to establish, were excluded, as, for instance, that of the man who distinctly felt himself twice struck with lightning in the centre of the forehead, and who, in answer to prayer, was yet unharmed.

*Outlines of Christian Theology.* By L. T. TOWNSEND, D.D. Author of "Credo," etc. 12mo. 36 pp. New York: Nelson and Phillips.

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