

crop of temperance literature. One of the most sturdy specimens of this is the volume before us. In its literary merit and the range of reading of which it gives evidence, it is much above the average temperance book. We commend it heartily as a small arsenal of weapons and ammunition for the temperance campaign.

Wesley and Early Methodism. By ANGELA K. DAVIS. Pp. 142. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 30 cents.

This is a timely little handbook for these Methodist Centennial days. It gives in brief space the principal facts about the founder of Methodism and the wonderful system which sprung from his labours. We do not like the question-and-answer style of the book, but it will probably be the better adapted thereby for the use of Church Societies for which it was prepared.

LITERARY NOTES.

From the facile pen of the Rev. C. S. Eby, B.A., an accomplished missionary of our Church in Japan, we have received a vigorous pamphlet in vindication of England's diplomatic course in that empire. That course is often stigmatized by the natives, and invidiously compared with that of the United States. But after careful study of the subject, Mr. Eby writes, "I would not exchange England's record in Japan for that of any nation with this country," and he furnishes, in fifty pages of evidence, the ground for this conclusion.

The fifth volume of the *Dominion Annual Register and Review*, edited by that accomplished Canadian litterateur H. J. MORGAN, ESQ., is to hand. It gives an impartial record of the Political and Parliamentary History of the year 1883, a Journal of Remarkable Occurrences, a Review of Literature, Science and Art, etc., etc. This book contains a vast amount of information, well indexed, which cannot be had elsewhere. 8vo., pp. 473. Price \$3. Toronto: Hunter Rose & Co.

Outline Missionary Series: India, Country, People and Missions. J. T. GRACEY, Author and Publisher, Rochester, N. Y. Post paid, 50 cts. Dr. Gracey, who was seven years a missionary in India, has in this little book of 207 pages given the best *resumé* that we know of information concerning Britain's great Indian Empire, especially of the progress of Christian missions therein. It is an inspiration to faith and zeal to read this book, to see what God hath already wrought, and the glorious possibilities of the near future.

It will be glad news to Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's many admirers to hear that he is again at work upon "The Treasury of David." He writes Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, his authorized publishers in this country, that the seventh and last volume of this great work, which has been so long delayed by reason of sickness, will, he hopes, be ready for issue before the close of the present year.

Property in Land: A Passage-at-arms between the Duke of Argyll and Henry George. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. 12mo paper, 15 cents. The literary reputation and the high social and political rank of the Duke of Argyll have attracted unusual attention to his arraignment of Henry George's doctrine as to property in land. Mr. George has made a vigorous and aggressive reply, which is here given in juxtaposition with the Duke's attack.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon writes that his little volume, *The Claw of the Maze* (republished in Funk & Wagnalls' *Standard Library*) is having a remarkable popularity in England. The "Maze" is modern skepticism.

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