

to his memory, and a rich legacy to the universal Church of Jesus the Messiah.

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Sermons are not usually interesting reading and some ministers, Elmslie, for instance, never read published sermons at all. Still, the wise gleaner may find in the field of sermonic literature handfuls of good grain that, in well cultivated soil, will germinate and yield an hundred-fold. The second volume of the "British Weekly Pulpit,"* is now before us. This penny weekly, edited by Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll, is really the best thing of the sort we see. Its sermons are carefully selected from recent discourses of the foremost living preachers, and are nearly always stimulating and suggestive. The outlines are sometimes too meagre to be of any use to other sermonizers, but the reports of services, sermons and prayers are always interesting. The weekly issue is quite a success in England, but is not known in Canada. Nor do we recommend it, because a far better thing for Canadian readers is the bound volume issued at the end of each year. In this form the weekly sheet may be preserved for future reference and, bound in good style, the volume is both valuable and attractive. In the volume now before us there is a great variety of matter by men whose names are known and honoured the world over.

Now that we are at sermons, suffer a few sentences about a volume of McNeill's. The stir made by this ready-witted Scotchman and his growing popularity was sufficient guarantee that his sermons would be read. Nisbet & Co., of London, did not venture much when they started the "Regent Square Pulpit," a penny weekly, giving one of John McNeill's Sunday sermons. Ten of these sermons have been collected and published by the Willard Tract Depository, Toronto. They were all preached in

*The British Weekly Pulpit, Vol. II. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository, 1890.