

able companion work to his "Parables of our Saviour," which has reached a fourth edition. Dr. Taylor has a keen spiritual insight into the very heart of the teachings of our Lord, both in parable and miracle, and has a rare expository skill in giving point and application to these teachings. The work is not so much apologetic as practical, and the preacher's purpose is to turn these Biblical subjects to the best account for meeting the necessities of modern life.

An introductory chapter discusses succinctly the apologetic aspect of miracles. The remainder of the work is devoted to their practical lessons. The lucid and picturesque style and moral earnestness of the writer will make this book, we predict, not less successful than his previous volumes. We do not know that we can quite agree with Dr. Taylor's views on the subject of the miracle at Cana of Galilee. Eminent writers take opposite views as to the character of the wine made by our Lord. But Dr. Taylor is none the less a valiant soldier on the side of temperance reform.

*Eschatology, or the Doctrine of Last Things, According to the Chronology and Symbolism of the Apocalypse.* By F. C. HIBBARD, D.D. 12mo, pp. 368. New York: Hunt & Eaton; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

Dr. Hibbard is well known as a skillful and judicious Biblical commentator and exegete. His commentary on the Psalms and history and geography of Palestine have won deserved commendation. The present work is one of the most difficult that he has undertaken. Where so many able commentators have so widely differed, and many have so signally failed, it cannot be expected that Dr. Hibbard's interpretations will carry conviction to every mind. Dr. Clark frankly says that he does not profess to understand the Apocalypse at all. Canon Farrar deplores the many false interpretations of their mysteries which have

done disservice to the cause of religion. The difficulty is that, while interpreting prophecy, most of the writers become prophets themselves. From this error Dr. Hibbard very largely keeps free. The last things in the history of our race and of God's redemptive purpose certainly present an intense and undying interest for the thoughtful mind. The study of this carefully written volume will do much to give greater definiteness of conception of the august and tremendous issues to which it refers. Our own judgment is that the predictive element of the Apocalypse is not designed to foretell the day nor the hour of the fulfilment of its predictions, as so many prophecy-mongers falsely and foolishly teach, but to be a perpetual evidence of the inspiration of Holy Writ after the things foretold have come to pass. "God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain."

*Asaph's Ten Thousand.* By MARY E. BENNETT. Pp. 325. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1 50.

Strikes and labour difficulties, occurring frequently as they do, make people more willing to listen to any one who can talk or write well on social relations. In this story a writer who, in other writings, has shown herself competent to advise, describes the condition of affairs in a manufacturing town, where one man is the owner and sole director of a large business which he has built up himself. He owns the village as well as the mills, and his family of educated sons and daughters form the aristocracy of the place, in striking contrast to the mill-hands. Outsiders finally manage to stir up the hands to strike. The struggle is disastrous to both sides. Neither wins a victory, but by the triumph of Christian common-sense, both sides learn a lesson for the future. It is certainly a most suggestive study of the "labour question."