

Book Notices.

John Remington, Martyr. By MRS. ALDEN (Pansy) and MRS. LIVINGSTON. Illustrated. Methodist Book Rooms; Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price 70 cents.

Mrs. Alden is better known as "Pansy." There is nothing in the book to indicate which is the part of each of the authors. Pansy is well-known as a prolific book-maker. With her great physical disability, it is marvellous that she can prepare such a large number of volumes in so short a space of time.

The book now under review consists of 418 pages of fine paper and clear type, so that no reader's eyes will be injured by its perusal. The pictorial illustrations enhance the value of the book. All the productions of Pansy's pen have a good moral tone, and so far as we can judge, "John Remington, Martyr," is equal, if not superior, in this respect to all the previous volumes which bear the honoured name of "Pansy." The career of a goodly number of the persons named in this volume is graphically portrayed, so that there is not a dull page in the entire volume. Those who are the most prominent persons in the story, such as Dr. Fletcher, Earle Mason, Miss Elsie—Otissey—Aunt Hannah, Mrs. Remington, Miss Redpath, and John Remington, the hero, are all vividly described.

Those who narrowly escaped death from the hands of the assassin, and those who were their ministering angels and brought them back again to active life, all displayed a vast amount of Christian heroism, and set an example to all who are exposed to similar perils in fighting the liquor traffic which should inspire them in time of danger. If there was no other publication in which the horrors of the cursed traffic are detailed than the one we now bring before our readers, there is here sufficient to cause every

Christian man and woman to take up arms against the monster of iniquity.

We would especially recommend all Sunday-schools to get a copy of this book for their libraries. We question whether any young man or young woman will begin to read this fascinating volume without giving it an entire perusal.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Preacher, Author, Philanthropist. With Anecdotal Reminiscences. By G. HOLDEN PIKE (of London). Introduction by WILLIAM CLEAVER WILKINSON; and concluding chapters by JAMES C. FERNALD. 12mo, cloth, 400 pp. \$1.00. New York, London, and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This is an exceedingly interesting story of the great preacher's wonderful life. It is especially rich in anecdotes and pen-and-ink sketches. Rev. J. C. Fernald, the American editor of the volume, has added interesting personal memories of the great preacher and his work. The stages and incidents of the final illness are given with special fullness and clearness, including Mr. Spurgeon's own letters from Mentone, up to Jan. 17th, only two weeks before his death. The last sermon preached by Mr. Spurgeon at the Tabernacle in June, 1891, and the New Year's sermon delivered sitting, to the little circle of friends at Mentone, on the first Sabbath of the New Year, 1892—the last discourse he ever uttered—fittingly close the volume; each sermon being in its own way one of remarkable excellence and power.

The reader seems to see the boy Spurgeon in his godly home, the young convert engaging zealously as tract-distributor, and making Sunday-school talks, till surprised into preaching when only sixteen years old. The "boy-preacher" settled as pastor at Waterbeach, at seventeen years of age; the odd, but winning