

Jordan, a country which is only now being laid open to our knowledge.*

The reader must not imagine that the book must be dry and dull because of these qualifications possessed by the editor. The fact that a workman has good skill and good tools is no reason that his workmanship should be heavy and clumsy, but a reason rather for lightness, beauty and finish. It is even so here. The book reads like a story, interspersed with descriptions of scenery, and discussions of knotty points; not forgetting the practical application of the truth to the conscience of the reader. Such are the books needed for Sabbath school and congregational libraries to drive out the drivelling, trashy, sentimental stuff that, under the garb of religious novels, is doing much to prepare the young for novels that are neither religious nor moral.

MR. WALLINGFORD'S MISTAKE. By Mrs. A. K. Dunning. Andrew Kennedy, London, Ont.

This is a temperance story, which, as the preface promises, "neither shocks by extravagance nor disgusts by vulgarity." Mr. George Wallingford was a gentleman of means and refinement, who taught his sons to take wine with him each day at table. His oldest son became a drunkard. Wounded in a drunken scrape he takes brain fever which lasted for some weeks, during which his life was despaired of. As he returned to consciousness he said to his wife: "I have been down to the borders of the grave, I have had a glimpse of the eternal world, and 'the pleasures of sin for a season,' shall be my choice no more." Contrary to the usual issue of such vows he kept them. He became a sober man, a Christian, a minister of the Gospel. Did he train up his boys to take their wine? "The death-dealing poison shall never have a place within my house," was his motto. This is an excellent book for Temperance Society Libraries especially, seeing it gives to Christ, His spirit and His Church, their own place in the grand temperance reformation of the day which is necessary to the permanent success of the temperance movement.

* We refer here to the regular Ordnance Survey made recently under the direction of Sir Henry James, R. E., by Capts. Wilson and Palmer, R. E., etc. The result has been published in a folio volume with maps and photographic illustrations.