

And so we can read his last work, the only full statement of his views on Messianic prophecy, with no lurking suspicion that his words have a double meaning. Everywhere he is frank and fearless, and everywhere he has practical ends in view. The same deep spirituality of tone which characterises his other works is found here. One brief paragraph will indicate :

"It is a delightful theme, a joyful work, in which we propose to be absorbed. The Lord is in the process of coming in the Old Testament, in drawing near, in proclaiming His appearance, and we design to transport ourselves into this Old Testament period, and follow the steps of the One who is coming, pursue the traces of the One who is drawing near, seek out the shadows which He casts upon the way of His Old Testament history, and especially seek to understand the intimations of prophecy respecting Him."

One of the best religious writers in America, is Dr. J. R. Miller of Philadelphia, so well known in connection with the S. S. publications of the Presbyterian Board. Several of his books have been noticed in recent numbers of the MONTHLY. *Bits of Pasture*,\* is a little volume of the spare minutes order of books: a choice collection of paragraphs from Dr. Miller's manuscript sermons, culled and arranged by one, who during several shut-in years, found in them counsel and cheer, and comfort, and inspiration. The selections are arranged, one for each day of the year, and the book, which is quite tastefully made, will, we are quite sure, become a favorite with those who devote some spare minutes each day to quietness and meditation. Dr. Miller has the faculty of speaking to the heart.

Belonging to the same class of literature is *Morning Thoughts for Busy Days*,† by our old friend the Rev. George Bruce of St. John. This little book of about one hundred pages, is not so much devotional as expository. A page or two of crisp comment on some pregnant verse of the Bible, bringing out its meaning, enforcing its teaching, that something of its strength and hope may breathe into our morning hours, and ease the yoke, quiet the fret, and sanctify the loss of busy days—this is what Mr. Bruce has sought to give us. There are devotional books by the score, but too many of them are hazy in their theology, or commonplace and insipid. There is nothing of that sort about Mr. Bruce. He knows life and loves it. He has a strong grip of Divine truth, and knows how to say in few

\**Bits of Pasture*. Selections from Sermons by J. R. Miller, D.D., Toronto: N. T. Wilson, Agent, Presbyterian Board of Publication.

†*Morning Thoughts for Busy Days*. By G. Bruce, B.A., Minister of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B. St. John: J. & A. McMillan.