

supreme government, that of God ; the supreme institution, the Church ; the supreme good and evil, sin and holiness ; the supreme remedy, contact with Christ ; the supreme career, the path of life ; the supreme person, Christ as Helper and Friend. Such, and such like, are the august themes discussed in this book, which we commend to every thoughtful reader.

Simon Peter; His Early Life and Times. By CHAS. S. ROBINSON, D.D. New York : American Tract Society ; and William Briggs, Toronto.

The character of Simon Peter is one of fascinating interest. We never grow weary of the study of the frank, fearless, impetuous disciple. Dr. Robinson has in this volume made him the subject of careful and discriminative analysis. He presents him in the environment of his times—the busy scenes and occupations of Palestine in the time of Christ. Many side-lights are thrown upon his life and character, and a result of the study of this book will be, we think, a more just appreciation of one of the foremost of the disciples—foremost in denying and foremost, also, in confessing his Lord.

Studies in St. Luke's Gospel. First Series. By CHARLES S. ROBINSON, D.D. New York : American Tract Society. Toronto : Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.25

Focussed on the Gospel of St. Luke, as are the eyes of the Bible reading world during this year of grace, anything that throws light on the sacred page will be gladly welcomed by multitudes of diligent Bible students. These chapters are especially adapted for purposes of Sunday-school illustration. Dr. Robinson is well known as being in close touch and sympathy with Sunday-school work and teaching. In these chapters that sympathy is abundantly manifested ; and we cordially commend the book to all Sunday-school workers.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Principal Austin brings out a new edition of 15,000 of his trenchant pamphlet on the Jesuits, re-inforced by articles by Professor Goldwin Smith and the Hon. John Carlton.

Prof. Ashley is editing a series of studies in political science ; the first of which is "The Organization of an Ontario Township," by Mr. J. M. MacEvoy, one of his students.

The Rev. S. C. Kendal, of the Montreal Conference, issues a well written temperance story, showing the effects of the Scott Act in a rural community in Canada.

The Canadian Musical Herald is the title of a bright-looking new monthly, ably edited by W. E. Haslam and P. W. Mitchell, and published by Mr. E. T. Coates, Toronto. Price \$1.00 a year. We commend it to two classes of patrons : those who understand music, and those who do not. The former will find in it much to suit the taste of even the most cultured ; the latter will find it very useful in assisting their neglected musical education.

We are glad to note that that distinguished scholar and writer, and broad-minded divine, the Rev. Professor Clark, LL.D., of Trinity College, Toronto, has assumed the editorial management of the *Dominion Churchman*, henceforth to be known as the *Canadian Churchman*. This is a guarantee that it will be conducted in the spirit of high-souled Christian courtesy.

The leading article in the February number of *Christian Thought*, edited by Dr. Deems, New York, is an able discussion, by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, D.D., LL.D., of "The Service of Free Thought to Christianity." This is the substance of an address given by Dr. Stafford at the summer meeting of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, at Key West, N.Y. This society, composed of leading thinkers and writers, gives much attention to problems of Christian Philosophy. *Christian Thought* is its organ. New York : Wilbur B. Ketcham. \$2 a year. Clergymen \$1.50.