

## Book Notices.

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*Witnesses to Christ: a Contribution to Christian Apologetics.* By the REV. WILLIAM CLARK, M.A., Professor of Philosophy in Trinity College, Toronto. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

It is quite a compliment to Canadian scholarship that our fellow-townsmen, Professor Clark, should have been selected to deliver the second course of Baldwin Lectures at the University of Michigan. The high character of this volume is a proof that the selection was a wise one. The lectures cover a very wide field, including the Phases and Failures of Unbelief, Civilization and Christianity, Personal Culture and Religion, the Unity of Christian Doctrine, the Insufficiency of Materialism, the Pessimism of the Age, and the great crowning demonstration of our holy religion—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This last, as was fitting, is more fully treated than any other subject. One thing that we especially admire in this book is the kindly Christian, irenical spirit with which the author treats even the sceptic and the unbeliever. “If there is any duty,” he says, “which requires of us that we should be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, it is this fighting for and defending the ark of God. Our antagonists are not our enemies. They are men who are loved by God. They are men for whom Christ died. They are not to be treated with scorn and contumely, even though they may scorn us and blaspheme the holy name by which we are called. They are to be loved, pitied, prayed for, persuaded, reasoned with. In this spirit, and in no other, is it lawful for the servants of Jesus Christ to go forth against the enemies of the cross.”

We heartily commend this book as, within its prescribed limits, an able discussion of the important subjects which it treats.

*Everyday Christian Life; or, Sermons by the Way.* By FREDERICK W. FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Toronto: William Briggs.

A new volume from Canon Farrar is always greeted with avidity. No recent sermons that we know combine in so great a degree the charm of literary grace, of broad humanity, and of spiritual insight into the needs of the human soul, and the perfect adaptation to those needs of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These sermons were chiefly preached in St. Margaret's Church, though a charming one to children was preached in Westminster Abbey. Taken as a whole they combine in very happy wedlock the doctrinal and the practical. “A teaching exclusively doctrinal,” says Dr. Farrar, “might appeal only to the understanding, and might result in nothing but an intolerant Pharisaism; a teaching exclusively practical might only resemble a child's flower stuck in the sand, which has no root. Doctrine and morality can never be dislinked from each other, for it is their perpetual connection which constitutes the unity of Scripture.” Among the subjects treated here with the Canon's ineffable sweetness of spirit and grace of style are: How to Make Earth Like Heaven; Wherewith to Measure Life; The Essentials of Prayer; Deathbed Repentance; The Marks of the Lord Jesus; The True Glory of Humanity, and a number of similarly exalted yet practical themes.

*People In Our Circuit.* By L. M. SENIOR. Pp. 536. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.00.

This book cannot fail to interest a large class of readers, especially those of Methodist proclivities. It gives a life-like picture of Dowton