



Reviews.

YALE LECTURES IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, By H. Clay Trumbull.—
Philadelphia: John Waitles. Toronto: D. T. McAinsh.

THIS course of ten lectures is worthy of a man who has devoted thirty years of his life to the study and advocacy of the claims of the Sunday School. He appeals with irresistible force to history, reason, and revelation to prove that the Sunday School should hold a principal place in the work of the Church. The lecturer is no mere declaimer, indulging in broad generalizations, but quotes voluminously and explicitly, from literature, Jewish and Christian, ancient and modern, to establish his conviction that the prosperity of the Church has always been and always will be in direct proportion to the attention given to the children. The statistical references, showing the connection between the great historic reformations and child culture, is exceedingly suggestive and impressive. The traditional argument that Sunday Schools interfere with home training is literally demolished by statistical proof that wherever Sunday School interest revived, family religion revived with it, that, instead of destroying home life, it had a very direct influence in restoring and cherishing it.

The lectures on the relation of the pastor to the Sunday School are excellent, however crushing in their condemnation of a large percentage of the ministry.

The lecture on Teachers and their training, is also of the greatest importance. The lecturer does not enter into details as to the principles of teaching—he has published a volume on that subject alone—but in general terms he emphasises the importance of the work, and indicates the leading principles that should guide in the selection of teachers and the prosecution of the work. The two lectures on preaching to children, are delightful reading and of great practical value. In fact, nobody can read the book through without feeling gratified with the common sense tone of the whole discussion, and certainly the pastor must be exceedingly callous who will read it without a deep sense of the responsibilities of his office. A careful perusal by pastors, superintendents and teachers in all our schools might result in a genuine revival, of the most enduring kind, in all our churches.

TERCENTENARY OF ENGLAND'S GREAT VICTORY OVER SPAIN AND
THE ARMADA IN 1588—1888. By the Rev. James Little M.A.
(Toronto: William Briggs.)

The author of this little work, which will be welcomed by many Canadian readers of the present day, in his preface states that his book belongs to the historical department of literature, but only as a fragment. In some respects this statement is true, in others, perhaps, not so strictly