

envy an ox that pasture which only fits for slaughter? or the malefactor that carriage which only conveys him to the place of execution?" "If the sun be eclipsed, one day it attracts more spectators than if it shone for a whole year; so if you commit one sin, it will cause you many sorrows and the world many triumphs." "The water without the ship may toss it; but it is the water within the ship that sinks it." "God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves." Here is a plan of constructing a sermon, "Firstly, the explication of what is doctrinal; secondly, the application of what is practical. The former is like cutting the garment out; the latter is like putting a garment on." From these plums the reader may judge what kind of pudding it is.

The Life of John Price Durbin, D.D., LL.D. By JOHN A. ROCHE, M.D., D.D. Pp. 369. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

A few months ago we had the pleasure of visiting the famous old Dickenson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania—one of the very few colleges in America which date back over a century. The quaint old college buildings, in their large elm-shaded campus, had an air of scholastic repose akin to that of some Old World seats of learning; while the elegant new buildings—library and science hall, etc.—showed that it keeps touch with modern science and thought. We found the whole place fragrant with memories of the gifted Dr. Durbin, one of its early and most distinguished Presidents. In the museum were massive sections of hexagonal columns from the Giant's Causeway, and other souvenirs of travel, which he had collected in foreign lands; and the college halls were alive with traditions of his scholarship, his administrative skill, his eloquence. We, therefore, read this book with especial interest. One of its most important departments is its analysis of the great preacher's homiletic skill and sacred oratory. He was, indeed, a peerless preacher,

an accomplished editor, an enthusiastic and successful Missionary Secretary. His life is well described as a model for the imitation of young preachers.

The Indians, Their Manners and Customs. By JOHN McLEAN, M.A., Ph.D. Pp. 350. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Illustrated. Price \$1.00.

Dr. McLean, the indefatigable Methodist missionary at Fort McLeod, has had admirable qualifications for writing this book. He has spent nine years among the Blood Indians, and has travelled extensively throughout the North-West. He has made a special study of the traditions, superstitions, mythology, and customs of the red men. He gives the results of his observations and studies in a series of interesting chapters on Indian usages, camp and wigwam life, Indian heroes, and traditions, frontier tales, missionary work among the Indians, etc. We venture to say that no one who begins to read this book will fail to finish it, if possible. It has not a dull page from beginning to end, and many chapters are of thrilling interest. We hope that this book will largely circulate in our Sunday-school libraries; it will make our young people familiar with one of the grandest mission fields on earth, and with some of the grandest missionary triumphs ever achieved. The book is illustrated with eighteen engravings of Indian life in the North-West.

Among the Millet, and Other Poems. By ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN. Ottawa: J. Durie & Sons.

Mr. Lampman's name and thoughtful musical verse have been familiar for a number of years in some of the higher-class American magazines. This is, we think, his first volume of collected poems. And a rich sheaf of poetic gleanings we welcome as a valuable contribution to the poetic literature of Canada. Mr. Lampman has a correct ear, a delicate fancy, a copious and poetical diction. The musical quality of much of his verse reminds us alternately of Swinburne