

Sermons. *The Imperfect Angel and other Sermons* (1) is a volume of discourses by Thomas G. Selby. They do not evince any great originality either of thought or treatment. The writer seems to have travelled widely, and draws similes from China and Thibet, and other little known places; but these illustrations do not add much force to the truths propounded. As a specimen of his manner we will quote a passage from the Gospel of Absolution, where Mr. Selby says that the keys of the kingdom of heaven were the keys of knowledge, quoting as a parallel Luke xi. 52. "To bind" and "to loose" was to teach and to rule in the kingdom of heaven in harmony with the knowledge received from the Father. . . . The power of the keys, of binding and loosing, was in reality the power of knowing the essential truths of God's character and will. "Go into an observatory and watch some astronomer as he is following the transit of a star. His telescope is so adjusted that an ingenious arrangement of clockwork is made to shift it with the transit of the star. His instrument is moving in obedience to the movement of the star in the heavens. But the clockwork does not move the star. The astronomer has made his faultless calculations; the mechanic has adjusted his cranks, and pendulums, and wheels, and springs with unerring nicety, and every movement in the telescope answers to the movement of the star in the far-off heavens. The correspondence rests on knowledge. And so when the things that are found on earth are found in heaven, every legislative counsel, and decree, and movement, in a truly apostolic and inspired Church, answers to some counsel, and decree, and movement in the heavens. But then the power of discerning and forecasting the movements of the Divine will and government rests upon the power of interpreting the Divine character, and applying its principles of action, as that character is communicated to us by Jesus Christ."

A volume of sermons on *The Baptism of the Spirit* (2) and other subjects, preached at Hastings by Charles New, deserves a permanent place in the "closet" of the Christian. Mr. New is a faithful, earnest, devout, and helpful preacher, as judged by these sermons.

The author, by his book entitled *A Method of Divine Government*, took at once a leading place among modern philosophers, and still retains it. In this materialist and agnostic age it is refreshing to find a prince among philosophers boldly announcing to the public, that much as he values philosophy, yet he places the Gospel