

between the essentials and the accidents of a Christian Church, and discerns bright auguries of the unification of Protestant Christendom. We cannot quite adopt the author's views of the relative rights of the majorities and minorities in an organized Church. But we are in hearty accord with the greater part of his essay, and especially with its closing sentences: "The ends to be served by division have been accomplished. God from above, and the earth from beneath, are calling for a united church, to contend with problems of greater interest to humanity than any which have yet risen above the moral horizon. In comparison with the salvation of the uncounted hundreds of millions who never saw the Bible, and never heard the name of Christ, and the proper instruction of ignorance, and the adequate relief of poverty that is worthy to be raised up, all the theological conflicts of the ages are the rarest trifles. The race has outgrown them. The Christian church has risen above them. The brighter day, with a promise of nobler things in its hand, is at the door." This important pamphlet is written in Dr. Stafford's clear, strong, trenchant manner.

*The Sunday-School: Its Origin, Mission, Methods and Auxiliaries.* By H. CLAY TRUMBULL. Pp. xiii. 414. Philadelphia: John D. Wattles. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

It is a worthy recognition of the place and power of the Sunday-school that one of its leading exponents should be requested to give this course of lectures at the venerable seat of learning at New Haven. And right worthily has he fulfilled his task. His many years' experience as editor of the *Sunday-School Times* has brought him intimately into touch with every aspect of Sunday-school work. He treats the subject very comprehensively. He traces it back to Jewish times, and shows its Christian adoption. He traces its history through seventeen Christian centuries till its modern revival

under the Wesleys and Raikes, and illustrates its wonderful expansion. He shows it to be a divinely ordained complement of family religious instruction. He discusses its membership and management, its teachers and training, the pastor and the school, its auxiliary training agencies, preaching to children, its importance and difficulties, etc. The book is in Dr. Trumbull's best style, and its study will be of great benefit to all Sunday-school workers.

*Roman Mosaics; or, Studies in Rome and its Neighbourhood.* By HUGH MACMILLAN, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E., etc. London and New York: Macmillan & Co. Pp. 397. Price \$1.50.

Another book on Rome, "the city of the soul," "the Mecca of the mind," "the lone mother of dead empires," the city of the Cæsars and the popes. This book is one of the best of its class. Dr. Macmillan was fitted by prolonged residence and by accurate scholarship to appreciate the spell of mighty Rome, and to expatiate on its attractions. He brings to his task the seeing eye, the sympathetic taste. As he walks through the streets and along the Appian Way he makes the reader see through his own larger vision, both the present and the past. He penetrates the Catacombs, he explores the Forum, he studies the obelisks, he visits the old historic churches, he investigates the treasures of the Vatican library, he traces the footprints of St. Paul from Puteoli to the Mammertine prison, and points out a thousand things that the casual tourist never sees. It is one of the best books on Rome that we know.

*The New Princeton Review.* New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son.

The November number of this ably-conducted and excellent review opens with a well-written article by Austin Dobson on Matthew Prior. Charles Eliot Norton contributes an interesting article on the Intellectual Life of America, which contains much that is quite as applicable to Canada as to the United States. In