

his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it."

SERMON III.—TO SINNERS.

Again when I say to the wicked, "Though shalt surely die, if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live."

SERMON IV.—TO OUR WISE MEN.

Yet the children of thy people say, "The way of the Lord is not equal; but as for them *their* way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby; but if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby; yet ye say the way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his way.—Ch. xxxviii. 7—20.

## OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

- (1) *The Life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.* By Rev. J. Fleetwood, D.D. In monthly 1s. parts.  
 (2) *The Art Workman.* In monthly 1s. 6d. parts. [London: James Hagger]  
 (3) *Memorials of an Earnest Life.* By I. Dorricott.  
 (4) *Light in the Jungles.* By Rev. W. Bailey. [London: Elliot Stock.]  
 (5) *Eternity.* By a Banker. 1s. [London: Haughton and Co.]

FLEETWOOD'S *Life of Christ* (1) needs no introduction or eulogy; it is known throughout the Christian world. But a word of appreciation is undoubtedly due to the *edition de luxe* of this celebrated work now issuing from the press of Mr. Hagger. It is a volume which should adorn every library table, whether on account of its magnificent whole-page steel engravings, which are scattered with such rich profusion throughout the work, the large number of well-executed wood engravings, the beautiful clearness of the type, or the voluminous yet compact explanatory notes. In every way this edition can hold its own with, if not surpass, any other contemporary issue.

Published by the same firm is the *Art Workman* (2), a valuable work for amateurs. The wood engravings are exquisite, and some of the coloured illustrations beyond praise, notably that of the ewer in glass from the Minutoli Museum, in Part VIII. We should like to see more of the English and less of the German style of art, and feel confident that the enterprising publisher would do well to take our hint.

Mr. Dorricott has written an unpretentious but useful little work (3) which many will read with interest.

"Light in the Jungles" (4) is undoubtedly written for a good purpose, but is exceedingly dry.

A Banker's effusion (5) condensed into tract form might have been very useful, but we certainly do not think it worth a shilling.

## OUR NOTE BOOK.

"COMING events cast their shadows before," and so it is with the "May meetings." Already several which come under the category have been held, though in April, and the speaking has been good. Notwithstanding the gloomy financial atmosphere, from the reports we have seen, the subscription lists have been well sustained; but it is feared there will be a falling off in the amounts raised by some prominent societies.

Sir G. Gilbert Scott is no longer amongst us. His death has left a gap in the ranks of our great architects, amongst whom he held a high place. His remains were interred in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, April 6. Dean Stanley (who has recovered from his recent illness) read the service at Sir Gilbert's grave, and preached a memorial sermon on the following Sunday. Sir Gilbert was grandson of the Rev. Thomas Scott, the commentator.

The Irish branch of the Evangelical Alliance seems to have had a successful year, the first of its existence. Its report has just been issued. The country has been visited in various directions by ministers and laymen of the several churches who form the Alliance, and who, as deputations, have been well received, and the result has been the formation of new branches, while old ones have been resuscitated.

At the twenty fourth annual meeting on behalf of Wesleyan education it was stated by the chairman, the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., that the Wesleyan Methodists had more than 6,000 Sunday Schools, about three-quarters of a million Sunday scholars, and 115,000 teachers and officers. They also had 572 day schools, with 176,000 scholars, and an average of 119,000 in attendance. The increase last year was 2,500 scholars, and there was an increase of 4,300 in the average attendance.

The Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown will be president of the Baptist Union for the coming year, 1878—79.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has been in treaty for the purchase of a large site of land contiguous to Cumberland Market, for the erection of dwellings for the poor, many of whom have been ejected from their dwellings in Somers Town, and have suffered much in consequence. The new buildings are intended to accommodate 10,000 persons, and will be built on the "flat" system. The rent of a suite of rooms is not to exceed 4s. 6d.

The Indigent Blind Visiting Society is doing a good work among the blind poor of the metropolis. Upwards of seven hundred are regularly visited and relieved according to their necessities, by the society's Scripture readers. The latter are nine in number, and all are blind! There are thirteen classes in different parts of London, and in these a large number are receiving education.

Sergeant Laverack has been preaching for a week in the Wesleyan Chapel, Tuxford. He has drawn large numbers; in fact every night the building has been inconveniently crowded, many standing outside. On Sunday morning he delivered an interesting address to the children. In the afternoon he again preached to a large congregation, whilst in the evening the chapel was regularly besieged. A good deal of curiosity was aroused at seeing a soldier in the pulpit in full military uniform, with four medals and clasps.

Mr. John Ruskin, who has been seriously indisposed for some weeks past, is reported to be recovering. His literary and other labours, including the editing of his periodical, have been suspended.

Dr. Selwyn, Bishop of Lichfield, died on the 11th ult. In the year 1841 he was consecrated first Bishop of New Zealand, and for twenty-six years he retained that see. He did much pioneer work in the colony, and braved many perils. Visiting England in 1867, a vacancy occurred, by the death of Dr. Lonsdale, in the see of Lichfield, to which Dr. Selwyn was appointed, and in which he has laboured with great zeal.

The famine in China still continues, without any report of improvement. It is said that "thousands are dying for lack of food." For three years past, it appears, no heavy rains have fallen, the crops have failed, and the resources of the district have been gradually exhausted. Last autumn "whole families committed suicide rather than face the hardships of the coming winter."

The Butchers' Festival has been held at Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle, as usual. It is needless to say that it was crowded. Tea and its accompaniments were provided for 2,000 men and masters, after which the meeting proper was held. Mr. Varley being in Australia, Mr. Spurgeon presided, and inculcated the virtues of civility, truthfulness, honesty, and humanity, but more especially urged his hearers to accept the blessings of the Gospel. An affectionate letter was read from Mr. Varley; and other speakers followed.

Dr. Sexton, for many years one of the leading Secularists, has been giving a course of lectures at Reading. These have been arranged for by the Christian Evidence Society, with the object of counteracting the effect of certain lectures recently given at the Unitarian Church in that town by the Rev. C. Voysey.

A meeting of ladies and gentlemen was held recently at the residence of Mr. W. Martin Smith, Cedars-road, Clapham, at which Lord Shaftesbury, Canon Girdlestone, Dr. McEwan, the Rev. J. G. Rogers, Mr. N. B. Downing, Mr. Lloyd Harris, Mr. Sawell, and others were present, and spoke concerning the work that has been prosecuted at the theatres, halls, and other places during the past winter. At the Pavilion, White-chapel, an audience of 2,000 people, on the average, has attended the services, and several other places have been similarly crowded, according to their capacity.

It has been stated that the distress in some of the districts in South Wales seems to increase rather than to diminish, and appeals are still made for charitable donations.

THE moral standing of a community is indicated by the character of its religious press. If it is thoughtful, sagacious,