

John Ploughman's Pictures. By C. H. Spurgeon. [J. B. Lippincott & Co. \$1.00.] A prettily printed and illustrated book by the famous English preacher, made up of short and homely homilies on every-day matters, with old and familiar proverbs for texts. Nothing could be more suitable to the author's purpose than his plain, strong, epigrammatic style. Every sentence has the ring of a hammer on an anvil. For example :

There's a sound reason why there are bones in our meat and stones in our land. A world where everything was easy would be a nursery for babies, but not at all a fit place for men. Celery is not sweet till it has felt a frost, and men don't come to their perfection till disappointment has dropped a half-hundred weight or two on their toes. Who would know good horses if there were no heavy loads?