

Plymouth church, Brooklyn, that those great powers were sustained during a lifetime of continued appreciation. The dramatic power which showed itself in his sister, Mrs. Stowe, who dealt the deathblow to slavery by her "Uncle Tom's Cabin," showed itself in him by his skill in keeping, from first to last, the attention of large gatherings of people whenever he undertook to address them, and also in many interesting events of his life. It is a life which is well worth reading.

(2) The life of John B. Gough is told in much the same way as the above. It is a book uniform with the other in size and appearance. There is many a thrilling scene in the life of this great temperance lecturer, as his own career is depicted, his fall through the tight grasp of the drink demon, his heroic and successful struggle to shake it off and conquer it, his burning eloquence as he warned others, and tried in every way to move them from the deadly evil. He was a great man, who had conquered in himself a great evil, and then tried to help his fellow-creatures. His life makes an exceedingly interesting book.

(3) The word "Humanics" means the study of human nature. The author of this book, Mr. John Staples White, puts it in the form of comments, aphorisms, and essays, and calls his little volume "Touches of Shadow and Light to bring out the Likeness of Man and Substance of Things." It certainly contains a large amount of racy and beautiful thoughts which, being classified under distinct heads, and put into a copious index, may easily be made available, when required, for any given subject that comes within its range.

(4) Recent explorations in Bible lands are always interesting to the student and the religious. The little book mentioned above, and bearing upon this subject, is in pamphlet form with stiff cover. As it has reached its sixth thousand, it must have already met with much favor. "Among the wonders of the latter half of the nineteenth century, we may well reckon those discoveries in Bible lands by which large tracts of the dim and distant past have been peopled with life, forgotten languages recovered, and even lost empires restored to a place in the annals of mankind." Such is the foundation on which this useful little book is built. It has the advantage of being written in a form somewhat condensed.

(1) *Amud Greenland's Snows, or, The Early History of Arctic Missions.* By Jesse Page.

(2) *Thomas Birch Freeman, Missionary Pioneer to Ashanti, Dahomey, and Egba.* By John Milner, F.R.G.S.

Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago.

Toronto: Willard Tract Depository, 140 Yonge street.

Here we have two books which tell of missionary heroism in climates of a directly opposite nature. The one is of "Greenland's Icy Mountains"; the other of that land where "Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands." The simple story of Hans Egede, the pastor of a quiet little village off the coast of Norway, leaving his comfortable post and ministerial prospects, and going to the inhospitable regions of Greenland, taking with him his wife, always ready to share his privations and his work, devoting his life to the Greenlanders, and living among them in their home of snow and ice, is well worth reading. It was not the voice of gain that called him there. It was the voice of loss, but it was the voice of Christ, and that to him was gain.

A very different work, and yet the same work, was that of Thomas Birch Freeman, pioneer missionary to the western coast of Africa. His dealings with the simple savages of Africa fifty years ago are interesting to the lover of missionary work. Men like him, whose individual efforts have been stamped upon a nation, must have great strength and nerve, and, at the same time, wonderful faith and confidence in their holy and lofty mission.

(i) *The Expositor.* (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine.* London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.

The Expositor, edited by the Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll, M.A., LL.D., is a periodical which every clergyman should take. It is not too voluminous for busy men to read, but it is sufficiently extensive to keep them abreast with the times

on Biblical subjects. The December number has articles on "The Galatia of the Acts," "Professor Marshall's Aramaic Gospel," "St. Paul's Conception of Christianity," "The Sojourn of the Israelites in Egypt," etc.; all of them by eminent thinkers of the day.

The Clergyman's Magazine has also its strong points of usefulness for busy clergymen. It is only sixpence a number, monthly, and always contains valuable aid for preparing sermons, lectures, etc., together with notices of new books. At present a very interesting series of articles on "Eastern Customs in Bible Lands" by Canon Tristram is being published in it.

The Religious Review of Reviews. Edited by Rev. Canon Fleming, B.D., London, England. Christian Literature Co., New York.

This is called "The Busy Churchman's Magazine." What is supposed to be the best reading for the month is made ready for him, and leading reviews are criticized by one who has time to read them. The number to hand is full of articles helpful to the mind, and external habits as well, such as that on the "Art of Reading." We would recommend "busy churchmen" and others to subscribe for this magazine.

The Illustrated London News. New York: Ingram Bros. \$6 a year.

The recent numbers of this finely illustrated weekly are quite in keeping with its usually high standard. Scenes of the "colliers' strike" are heartrending, such as "two cans of soup and one loaf of bread for a family of ten"; a full size (double page) engraving of "Life in Albania, gipsy girls-fishing"; illustrations connected with the Bromie family in Ireland; scenes in Morocco: a striking double page picture of the Matabele war in South Africa, entitled "Attack on the Laager of Wagons"; a view of "The champion and his admirers," connected with the Smithfield Club Show; a portrait of the late Duke of Leinster, premier peer of Ireland, cut off in the prime of life by typhoid fever, and a picture of his six-year-old son who succeeds him, the youngest duke of the realm.

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnall Co., 18 and 20 Astor place, New York. \$2 a year.

Some excellent illustrations form a new and interesting feature of the January issue, which also is overflowing with first-class articles by eminent writers in other lands. The *Review* grows in interest and helpfulness with every year. The editor-in-chief opens Volume XVII. with an article on the "Columbian Exposition at Chicago." He treats especially of the Congress of Religions, in regard to its effects on the kingdom of God. Dr. Gordon follows with an intensely interesting and instructive article, in which he tells of "Three weeks with Joseph Rabinowitz," that prince of Jewish converts to Christianity. Other articles make up a very excellent number. The *Review* has become indispensable to all those who would keep pace with the times. The prospectus for 1894 betokens an increase in its value for the coming year.

The Gleaner's Atlas and Key to the Cycle of Prayer. London, England: C.M.S., Salisbury Square.

The Church Missionary Society reports are noted for their excellent maps. These have been collected together in one book, with brief notes of Church missions all over the world. It is an atlas that people interested in missions should not be without.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.

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