

devil, but there is evidence enough in the world as well as in the Scripture of his existence. Bishop Merrill is a vigorous thinker, and a clear and strong writer. This little book is one of the best discussions of this important subject we have seen.

Current History. Vol. VI., No. 1.
Buffalo: Garretson, Cox & Co. Pp. 250. Price, \$1.50 per year.

This exceedingly useful quarterly improves with each volume. The editor, A. S. Johnson, Ph.D., is, we believe, a Canadian, and very ample space is devoted to Canadian subjects, thirteen pages in this number with seven portraits. A condensed survey of national and international events for the quarter is given, with a record of recent progress in science, literature and art. It is of great value to the student of current events.

Some Records of the Life of Stevenson Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B. Compiled by a friend and edited by his widow. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo. Pp. xi. 395.

Sir Arthur Blackwood was one of the most conspicuous figures in the religious life of London. He possessed *entire* to the highest social circles, and after his conversion promptly confessed his Master, preaching the Gospel in the fashionable parlours which he had formerly visited as a devotee of pleasure. Yet he was no ascetic. At the postal congress at Vienna he was the only member of the congress who did not visit the theatre and attend the balls. He was also a champion lawn-tennis player. Through his influence largely the Baroness Langenan espoused the cause of the persecuted Methodists in Vienna. We shall devote to this book a special article in an early number.

The Mound Builders; Their Works and Relics. By REV. STEPHEN D. PEET, Ph.D. Vol. I. Pp. xxii. 370. Chicago: Office of the American Antiquarian.

The works and relics of the mound builders, the cliff dwellers and pueblo builders, furnish a theme of fascinating interest. The volume under review presents the most full, exact and extensive treatment of this subject we have anywhere met. Dr. Peet has devoted many years to the subject, is the editor of the "American Antiquarian and Oriental

Journal," the oldest archaeological review in the country, and is a member of several American and foreign archaeological societies. He has devoted himself with enthusiasm to this subject, and has produced a volume which is simply essential to those who would master its literature. This is a theme which cannot be understood without full illustration, maps and diagrams and cuts. Dr. Peet has supplied this need with 243 illustrations. We shall devote a special article in an early number of this MAGAZINE AND REVIEW to this important volume.

Christianity Vindicated by its Enemies. By DANIEL DORCHESTER, D.D. Cloth, 16mo, 187 pages. Price, 75 cents. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

This little book has for its motto, "Their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges," and is intended to present in condensed form the argument for Christianity as against the various forms of scepticism. It is especially written to be helpful to the young, who are often in danger of doubts. The author's assumption is that "Infidelity is both of the head and of the heart." He carefully avoids the arguments and facts from the Christian side of the case, and seeks all the proofs and testimonies out of the admissions made by those who are either enemies to or are not friends of Christianity. This is a unique way of vindicating Christianity, and yet so good is the cause that the verdict may be left to outside judges. That this is true is clearly proven by the cumulative argument of the book.

The weakness and folly of infidelity, and the strength and blessedness of Christianity, are so brought out in the discussion that one's confidence in and respect for Christianity is greatly stimulated. It is just the book to put into the hands of the doubter. A. M. P.

How to Study the Bible for Greatest Profit. By R. A. TORREY, Superintendent Chicago Bible Institute, Author of "How to Bring Men to Christ," "Baptism with the Holy Spirit," etc. Cloth, 16mo., pp. 121. Price, 75 cents. Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co.

The author has issued this book to meet a felt want, as indicated by many inquiries on "how to study the Bible." The answer, as found in the book itself, has been given in addresses at various places, and requested to be put in permanent shape. His aim is to give "The