

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The next best thing to the reading of a good book is, perhaps, the perusal of an intelligent review of it—to me it is always a source of lively satisfaction. Gladstone.

IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS.—By Hattie E. Colter. Cloth, 203 pp., 2s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. The scene of this tale is laid in British Columbia and its incidents deal with the religious work of a young Christian girl among the mining men and frontier settlers of western Canada. She wins the affections of a large proportion of the male population, and finally captures the wealthiest person in the district who is not a Christian. But his conversion is easily accomplished by "the little preacher of the Pacific slope," as she is called, and her husband, we are told, is now at "the head of most of the religious and philanthropic movements of the West." It is a story with a good purpose, with enough local coloring to suggest that the authoress acquired her knowledge on the spot.

THOS. REID.—By A. Campbell Fraser. Cloth, 160 pp., 1s. 6d. Famous Scots Series. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. This short and readable biography is an attempt to present Prof. Reid, the well-known Scotch philosopher of the last century, in a fresh light, and to consider his relations to the philosophic thought of the present day. It gives enough of the personal life and character of Reid to enable us to form a good idea of the man. The author, Prof. Fraser, of Edinburgh University, is highly competent to examine, as he does, Reid's philosophy, and compare it with the school which preceded him and followed after him. In compiling the book, its writer was able to call to his aid some valuable unpublished material. It is evident that the descendants of Scotchmen in Canada, and others interested in Scottish worthies of all periods, who have been buying this series, will possess, perhaps, the most complete and well constructed list of biographies which will ever be published. The later volumes in the series appear to be quite equal to the earlier issues.

UNDER WELLINGTON'S COMMAND. AT ABOUKIR AND ACRE.—By G. A. Henty. Cloth, 378 pp. each, illustrated, \$1. each. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. These are two of Mr. Henty's adventure books with which he delights youthful readers every year. The book dealing with Wellington has for its hero young Terence O'Connor, who figured in two previous stories dealing with the campaign of the British army in the Peninsula.

The present book ends with the battle of Salamanca, and Col. O'Connor retires with a wife and a comfortable fortune. The second story relates to the Egyptian campaign of Napoleon, and tells how Nelson, Sir Sydney Smith and General Abercrombie defeated and drove back the French army. The story is full of adventures through which the hero, as usual, comes safely. Both books are real treats for lads at Christmas time.

THE CHILDREN'S PRAYER.—By James Wells, D.D. Cloth, 189 pp., 1s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. Dr. Wells has published in this little volume 13 addresses to young people on the Lord's Prayer. Their characteristics are sound religious teaching, wealth of historical illustration, and an entertaining style.

HOPE, THE HERMIT.—By Edna Lyall. Cloth, 400 pp., \$1.15; paper, 75c. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. The authoress takes the reign of William of Orange as the period of her story. Michael, the hero, is a young man about whose birth there is much mystery. He is brought up in the north by a patron, who educates him and appoints him his secretary. Although a staunch Protestant and a partisan of the King, he becomes mixed up with some Jacobite plots of a treasonable nature and incurs the enmity of the authorities by assisting a well-known Catholic gentleman to escape. Michael turns out to be the son of this gentleman, succeeds to his estates, and marries the lady of his choice. It is a readable book, not one of Edna Lyall's best, but thoroughly pure in tone and with sufficient incident to hold the attention.

WITH KITCHENER TO KHARTOUM.—By G. W. Steevens. Cloth, \$1.50. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. Canadian readers will be delighted with Mr. Steevens' new book "With Kitchener to Khartoum." It is a vivid narrative of the proceedings leading up to the battles of the Atbara and Omdurman, interspersed with lively anecdotes of the native people and the native soldiery. The accounts of the two battles are graphic and brilliant, and the book has the same effect on the reader, in chaining the attention and creating an impression, as an absorbing novel. It is one of the most engrossing books we have read this season, and the author's vein of humor and terse vigorous style are admirably adapted to this

kind of work. His description of the Soudan is terribly impressive, and there is just that touch of reckless British love of fighting which redeems the narrative from being a hopelessly horrifying picture of a cruel and useless war.

THE DUENNA OF A GENIUS.—By M. E. Francis. Cloth, 368 pp., \$1.25. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. This is a rather captivating story. Two sisters, one of whom is a musical genius, with many freaks of temperament, whom the other sister tries vainly to manage, are befriended by a wealthy young Englishman, who is in love with one of them. But the musical genius cannot be made a success, and is saved from misery by falling in love with another musical genius, of the opposite sex, who marries her, and somewhat to the relief of the reader, takes her away, leaving the sweet sensible elder sister, to find her own happiness at last. It is, on the whole, a very pretty love story.

BIBLE STORIES WITHOUT NAMES.—By Rev. Harry Smith, M.A. Cloth, 1s. 6d., 167 pages. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. Mr. Smith's little book is quite unique in its way. He takes 20 stories from the sacred writings and relates them without mentioning the names of those figured in them. At the end of each story, he gives a list of 10 questions which a teacher could ask the class, about the story. At the end of the book, the Scriptural references are given. Altogether one of the best little text books for inculcating a knowledge of the Scripture, which we have ever seen.

THE OLDEST TRADE IN THE WORLD.—By Rev. Geo. H. Morrison, M.A. Cloth, 183 pages, 1s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. This is another of the celebrated "Golden Nails" series, and contains 10 brightly written and interesting religious addresses, admirably suited for Sunday-school teachers.

YOUNG COLONISTS.—By G. A. Henty. Illustrated, 303 pp., \$1. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. This is the third of Mr. Henty's volumes for boys issued this year. The two heroes of the story, Dick and John Humphreys, live on the Zulu frontier with their father, and they join the British military forces as guides, both in the war with King Cetewayo and the war with the Boers. There are eight illustrations, which greatly enhance the value of the book as a Christmas present.

"HYPNOTIZED? OR THE EXPERIMENT OF SIR HUGH GALBRAITH."—By Julian Durham; cloth, 285 pages, \$1.50; paper, 75c.: Ontario Publishing Co., Toronto. This