

are studying alone, or for teachers these Editions must be exceedingly useful—perhaps the notes are a little too exhaustive and complete for class work. Many interesting notes and opinions are quoted from actors and critics.

Prof. Woodrow Wilson of Princeton, author of the valuable treatise on "The State" which we reviewed some years ago, on its first appearance, contributes *Division and Reunion, 1829—1889* to Messrs. Longmans *Epochs of American History*. As might be expected, the book is full of information, which must have been collected and sifted patiently and laboriously. The writer has treated his subject in what appears to us an adequate and spirited way, but he does not point out difficulties and dangers, as one who is writing for citizens should. However, we do not wish to make adverse criticisms on a history that is, in the main so accurate, impartial, and scholarly.

The *Victorian Poets*, by Edmund Clarence Stedman, Revised Edition, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. A critic with a brain, a heart and a conscience is no such everyday sight that one is in danger of forgetting his name or his book and Mr. Stedman's "Victorian Poets" is a book which one is much the better of having. This is, indeed, the Thirteenth Edition, and it has been enlarged by a supplementary chapter, which brings us to the Jubilee year. Minor matters have been corrected—few corrections were necessary—and the author remarks on some others in a preface which is too interesting to be unrec'd. Such studies of literary art and achievement could not be written except by one who possessed rare gifts and skill of different kinds. It is an honest book, impartial, comprehensive and thorough, written from a poet's heart.

We have received through the courtesy of the Publishers, Messrs. A. & C. Black, of Edinburgh and London, the numbers so far issued of the "Guild and Bible Class Text Books," edited by the Rt. Rev. A. H. Charteris, D. D. and the Rev. J. A. M'Clymont, B. D. These are: 1. "The Church of Scotland, Eighth thousand." By Rev.

M'Adam Muir. 2. "Handbook of Christian Evidences." By Rev. A. Stewart, D.D. 3. "The New Testament and its Writers." By Rev. J. A. M'Clymont. 4. "Life and Conduct." By Rev. J. Cameron Lees. Each of these manuals contains a hundred pages or more. They are written by men who are among the foremost of the Church of Scotland's ministers and we do not know of any hand-books accessible to all (the price is only 6d.) on these important subjects that could well be compared with them. Mr. McAdam Muir's book, the first issued, was at once received with that cordiality which the writer's gifts and devotion as well as the importance of his subject, truly deserved. This is the 8th thousand.

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