

Book Notices.

The Cyclopædia of Practical Quotations. English, Latin and Modern Foreign Languages, Names, Dates and Nationality of Quoted Authors, with copious Indexes. By J. K. HOYT. A New Edition. Revised, Corrected and Enlarged. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Pp. 1206. Price, cloth, \$6.00; sheep, \$8.00.

Who has not often been haunted with a vague memory of some gem of thought but knew not where to find it, or wished to verify a quotation or find some passage in the English or foreign classics, but found himself unable? To such this book will prove invaluable. It is a concordance to the best thoughts of the world's best thinkers, a book which, to use the words of George Eliot, "hath been culled from the flowers of all books." The art of quotation is a very refined and delicate one. If aptly employed it will give point and piquancy, and grace and beauty to spoken or written discourse. If misquotations are made, like the fly in the pot of ointment, or, "the little speck upon the fruit, the little rift within the lute," it mars the beauty of the whole.

This book is a thorough revision and expansion of the first edition issued twelve years ago, and has been under progress, most of the time with a *corps* of assistants, for five years. Over three hundred closely-printed pages have been added to bring it down to date, and to include every striking phrase and sentence which has currency in the English language.

The republic of letters has its classics in several ancient and modern languages. The reader who knows only English is often puzzled by quotations of proverbs, mottoes, epigrams—the wisdom of many and the wit of one—which he continually meets but cannot decipher. He will find them here properly classified for easy reference and translated into idiomatic English.

But all this would be an embarrassment of riches if it were not made easily accessible. This has been done in an ample concordance by which, if one can recall but a word he can turn to the desired quotation. If he cannot remember the word, if he can recall the topic to which it refers he can by a topical index find all that is said upon the subject. There is also a valuable

list of authors, with brief biographical notes.

In this edition the references have all been verified. The eight authors most frequently quoted are Shakespeare (2,000), Milton, Wordsworth, Byron, Tennyson, Lowell, Pope, Longfellow, but the list of authors, classical, English and foreign, fills thirty-six pages.

We have used continuously the first edition for the last twelve years and have found it almost indispensable. We shall find this new and enlarged cyclopædia, we are sure, of much greater value.

Only a house with a very large editorial staff and large capital and manufacturing appliances could prepare so elaborate and costly a book. But the firm that has issued the "Standard Dictionary" at the cost of over a million dollars, cannot fail in any literary enterprise it undertakes.

Life and Work in India. An Account of the Conditions, Methods, Difficulties, Results, Future Prospects and Reflex Influence of Missionary Labour in India, especially in the Punjab Mission of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. By ROBERT STEWART, D.D. Philadelphia: Pearl Publishing Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

The writer of this book is a veteran missionary, and his book is a perfect cyclopædia of information upon India and its people, and especially on mission work in that country. It describes the climatic, sanitary, social and financial conditions, and those of travel and communication, out of which have arisen the present famine and plague, and previous visitations. It treats of mission work and its various aspects, medical, evangelistic, educational; zenana work, itineration, and spread of Christian literature. It deals with the obstructions of caste and social persecution, records the triumphs of the Gospel, the transformation of character and elevation of the native Christians, their training in Sunday and day schools and Christian institutes, boarding-schools and colleges. The spread of the Scriptures, and of Christian tracts and papers, the financial self-support and church organization, present encouraging statistics. The nervous exhaustion, shortened lives, and reflex action of paganism at the native and the home churches, and the encouraging outlook