

Literary Notices.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for July contains another paper of the series on railroads, entitled "Feats of Railway Engineering." It is finely illustrated by drawings and is of intense interest. It contains also "Life and travel in Modern Greece," illustrated from original drawings; "An Astronomer's summer trip," with illustrations from photographs made by the American Eclipse Expedition of 1887. There are besides several stories, serial and completed. Price 25 cts.; \$3.00 per year. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE SIMPLE WORD IN INDIA.

The work of colportage would be useless if we did not know that the books are having their effect upon the men—that the men are being brought to the simple knowledge of the Truth through the simple reading of the Word of God. I have known Chinese, Tamils, Malays, Japanese, and numbers of others, who, by the simple reading of the Word of God, without any preaching whatever, have been brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I know an American Missionary who was sent to Burmah thirty years ago to make inquiries about the languages. He himself spoke Burmese, and travelled up the country for many hundred miles. One night he encamped near a small village. Here he heard prayer going on in Burmese. He listened, and to his utter astonishment heard, not the name of Buddha or that of an idol, but the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the more surprised, for he knew no Missionary or white man had ever been to that part of the world, and so he went into the village and began to make inquiries. He found out that the head-man of the village had some years previously been down to another village some miles distant, and had bought an article of food wrapped up in Burmese printed paper, which happened to be one single chapter of the Word of God with a piece torn out of the corner. He read it, and, having himself sought to put sin away, he found that Saviour which is the Son of God, and who he found was able to cleanse from sin. He now called his friends together and read that piece of the Word of God to them, and induced them to put away their idols. And when

this Missionary found them they had been for six years praying to Christ as the Saviour of sinners. This is the blessing of God upon our work of spreading abroad simply and solely the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ.—*Mr. J. Haffenden.*

CURE FOR A BAD TEMPER.

"When I was a child," said a minister to me some years since, a minister now gone to his final rest in "the bosom of God," "I had a dreadful temper; but when ten years of age I was converted. I carried that temper to Christ, and in the simplicity of a child's faith asked him to take it wholly away; and I had such a revelation to my mind of his meekness and gentleness, that for sixty years I have never been troubled in the least with that temper. I have lived forty-five years with my wife; ask her."

Therefore I put the question to her: "How many times during these forty-five years have you seen your husband out of temper?"

"I have never," was the reply, "seen his temper ruffled in the least degree. I was a high-tempered woman, and sometimes used to think that if he would get angry and give me a good scolding, it would do me good. But he never did it. And now," she added, "I have taken my temper to Christ, and have obtained the same deliverance that he did."

If you will do the same thing, dear reader, Christ will grant the same grace to you, and that in respect to all evil tendencies and temperaments. He will "gird you with everlasting strength," and no evil temper or tendency shall have dominion over you.—*Dr. A. Mahan.*

THE McALL FRENCH MISSIONS.

Among the pastors taking part in the services of the McAll Mission, Paris, are twenty-three of the Reformed (Dutch) church, eleven Lutherans, five of the Free Church and eight Wesleyans and Baptists. A number of influential laymen and theological students also take part, and Bible classes are conducted by several of the Reformed pastors in the various stations. In the provinces there are working with the mission forty Reformed pastors, ten Lutherans, five of the Free Church and five Wesleyans and Baptists. There are also eight pastors definitely engaged as directors of branch missions.