

one visits Chautauqua he feels that the grandest part of it is the part that is not there. He feels that the galleries of the vast auditorium are in the Rocky Mountains and its back seats in the isles of the sea—in Otaheite and Honolulu and in far distant Japan. All Chautauquans, of course, will want this book, which should secure it a circulation of 100,000; and many who are not Chautauquans should read it that they may become students of this world-wide university. What we like best about Chautauqua is its thoroughly Christian character. In all its developments it is true to its motto—"Let us keep our Heavenly Father in our midst." That energetic Chautauquan, Mr. L. C. Peake, will at an early date give a paper on some of the remarkable results of this movement recorded in this book.

Aid and Guide to Family Worship. Collected and arranged by L. D. PALMER. Nashville: Southern Methodist Publishing House. Toronto: W. Briggs, D.D.

Mr. Palmer is the manager of the Southern Methodist Publishing House. The duties of his office are onerous, and the success which has crowned his labors and those of his venerable chief, Dr. M'Ferrin, is evidence conclusive of their joint adaptation, and we feel glad that the General Conference has re-elected them for another quadrennium. Mr. Palmer, though eminently a financier, has conceived the idea of providing means whereby timid Christians may be assisted in the performance of a too much neglected duty—that of family prayer, and the neat little volume now before us is the result. Here we have four services for every morning and evening of a week, each one containing a Scripture lesson, a verse or two of a song and a prayer. The same service need not be used oftener than once a month. We have also prayers suitable for Sunday-schools, and other services, besides children's prayers. Also the ten commandments with parallel readings, and a great amount of other valuable matter. The work deserves an extensive sale. It is well got up and is creditable to author and publisher. It is now selling in the fifth edition.—E. B.

Elsie's Auntie; or, Bearing One Another's Burdens. London: Religious Tract Society. Toronto: S. R. Briggs, Cloth extra. Pp. 208. Price 90 cents.

The London Tract Society have won a distinguished reputation for the elegance and excellence of the Sunday-school libraries it issues. This is another of their charming books which, like all the publications of this house, can confidently be recommended to Sunday-schools. It is beautifully printed and illustrated and very prettily bound, and will make the little folk's eyes sparkle with delight.

Scripture Questions and Answers. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price 50 cents.

This is an excellent series of questions, with appropriate answers, designed to open up the

Scriptures to young people. We commend the book to parents and teachers.

Four Miles from Tarrytown. By FANNIE H. GALLAGHER. Boston: Congregational Publishing House. Price \$1.

This is a story of the late American war, but the interest in it does not centre on the battlefield. One rather in it gets glimpses of struggle and victory in the home. "Joel" is a real creation. He is a lame, half-witted boy, who nevertheless exercises a great influence over others through his devotion to the Saviour. The book is one which is natural and healthful, and without question may go into the Sunday-school library.

Truth in Tale; Addresses Chiefly to Children. By W. BOYD CARPENTER, D.D., Bishop of Ripon. London: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.25.

Lessons of the highest import can often be better taught in a tale or parable than in the deductive form. The great Teacher well understood this and without a parable, spake He not unto the multitude. These ingenious and interesting tales by Bishop Carpenter are full of poetic beauty and of religious truth. The children will read them with avidity, and both they and their elders may learn most important lessons therefrom. We would like to see a copy in every Sunday-school library.

The Camp at Surf Bluff. By the Rev. E. A. RAND. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

This is the fourth volume of the popular Up-the-ladder Club Series. The boys all go camping out and have a good time generally after the manner of Mr. Rand's wholesome, hearty, manly boys.

Sundered Hearts is another admirable story by that charming Scottish writer Annie S. Swan, whose previous strongly written tale, "Aldersyde," drew from Mr. Gladstone a highly commendatory autograph letter. It possesses the same vigorous characteristics and effective character painting and high moral purpose. It is published in Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier's cheap shilling series.

The same house issues a beautifully illustrated story of the Sick Children's Hospital—Thomas Dryburgh's Dream, by the same author—touching and tender.

Dick and His Song, by Emily Frances, is another excellent Sunday-school book published by the same house. Adapted for a younger grade of scholars.

The last three issues of *Cassell's National Library* are "Crabbe's Poems," "Swift's Battle of the Books," and "Burke's Speeches." These are all English Classics, and the publishers are conferring a great boon on the millions by bringing such good literature within their reach at the low price of ten cents a volume.