

told chiefly in selections from his own letters, journals and diary, by his sister. The tale is one of heroic and pathetic interest. The book is an admirable supplement to Stanley's "Darkest Africa." It throws much light upon the solution of the missionary problem in the Dark Continent. He speaks highly of Stanley, but very severely of Emin Pasha. He was educated to be a mechanical engineer, with brilliant prospects before him, at Berlin; but gave up all for mission work in Africa, where his brilliant career ended in his forty-first year.

*Modern Discoveries on the Site of Ancient Ephesus.* By the late J. T. WOOD, F.S.A., etc. New York: Harper Brothers. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

The author of this book may be said to have rediscovered Ephesus. For eleven years he delved and toiled among its ruins. After long search his efforts were rewarded by the discovery of the veritable site of the temple of the great goddess Diana, of such fame in both Christian and Pagan history. By the aid of the trustees of the British Museum he was enabled at great cost to thoroughly explore its important ruins—an account of which, with many interesting and racy incidents, is given in this book. A number of admirable illustrations enhance the value of the work.

*The Whole World Kin; A Pioneer Experience Among Remote Tribes, and Other Labours.* By NATHAN BROWN. 8vo, pp. 607. Philadelphia: Hubbard Bros. Toronto: William Briggs.

Missionary literature is year by year acquiring greater volume and greater value; missionaries have in many cases been pioneers in exploration and discovery. Perils have been braved and privations endured with the inspiration of the highest motives. The volume before us is an account of fifty years of missionary life. Nathan Brown and his devoted wife were of good old New England stock—the one a student of

Bennington Seminary, the other a pupil of the famous Mary Lyons, who sent so many female missionaries into foreign lands. The greater part of their life has been spent in Burmah and India. Their later years were spent in Japan. The book is well calculated to deepen the interest in mission lands and mission work. It abounds in interesting incident, anecdotes, sketches, etc., of missionary trial and triumph and records of the power of the Gospel to elevate and sanctify in the darkest natures. We commend it for reading in mission circles and in the home.

*Concerning Sisterhoods.* By T. BOWMAN STEVENSON, M.A., LL.D. Pp. 96.

This is a dainty little book, printed at the Children's Home, giving a condensed account of woman's work in the early Christian Church and in the Church of the Reformation at Kaiserwirth and elsewhere. It is an admirable *resumé* on the subject of deaconesses, ancient and modern. Dr. Stevenson has organized a very successful deaconess movement in connection with the Children's Home, as has also Price Hughes in connection with the West London Mission. This little book will be full of hints and helps to all interested in the deaconess movement, which has been formally recognized by the Wesleyan, Methodist Episcopal and our own Church.

*Egypt and Syria: Their Physical Features in Relation to Bible History.* By Sir WILLIAM DAWSON, C.M.G., LL.D., etc. London: Religious Tract Society; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

The Religious Tract Society has prepared an admirable series of handbooks on what are called "By-Paths of Bible Knowledge," by such distinguished authorities as Prof. Sayce, Sir J. Risdon Bennett, Sir William Dawson and others. They are popular, neat and cheap editions of handsomely bound and well illustrated books. One of the most interesting of these is that under review. It