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(1) *The Lord of Dynevor*, 2s. 6d. (2) *In the Wars of the Roses*, 2s. 6d. (3) *The Church and the King*, 5s. By Evelyn Everett Green. T. Nelson & Sons, London, Edinburgh and New York.

T. Nelson & Sons know well how to get up a book to please boys. The three books mentioned above would gladden the eyes and the heart of any boy. The type and paper are of the best, the frontispiece illustrations excellent, and the covers all beautiful in blue and gold. And then these books, as interesting as any tales can be, teach history. In the first, "*The Lord of Dynevor*," we have the heroic days of Edward I.—days of wars and wolves and castles; days such as those described in Sir Walter Scott's "*Castle Dangerous*." In the second, "*In the Wars of the Roses*," we have scenes of those turbulent times when England ran blood owing to the two powerful factions of York and Lancaster, and the culminating struggle at Tewkesbury, when the crown was placed upon the head of the handsome young Edward IV. In the third, "*The Church and the King*,"—a book double the size of either of the others—we have a charming tale of the days of Henry VIII., when the monasteries had to give way to the destructive spirit of the age. Historical tales are good things for boys. Epochs and leading characters of history are by them imprinted upon their minds in such a way as to be of great service to them in after years.

(1) *The Aims of Japan*. By Rev. John Batchelor. Fleming H. Revell & Co., New York, Chicago. (2) *The Story of John G. Paton, or, Thirty Years Among South Sea Cannibals*. By Rev. James Paton, B.A. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son; Toronto: Willard Tract Repository.

Both these books are obtainable at the Willard Tract Repository, and are well worth procuring. The first is a profusely illustrated book giving an account of the aborigines of Japan—a strange, barbarous people, destined no doubt ere long to disappear from the face of the earth. Yet efforts are properly made to Christianize them. The author of the book was himself a C.M.S. missionary among them, and therefore speaks of them from personal knowledge. It is a well-written and beautifully-printed book. The other book, "*The Story of John G. Paton*," is a thrilling book of adventure, all in the way of missionary work in the New Hebrides. Ever since 1858, when he left Scotland for the purpose, Mr. Paton has been there preaching the words of Christ. His adventures read like a story book for boys. It is very freely illustrated by photogravure pictures, many of which indicate positions of peril and anxiety. A book of this kind would render excellent material at any time for a missionary speech.

Year Book for the Episcopal Church in Scotland, 1893. Edinburgh and London: St. Giles Printing Co.

Here we have all the information about the Episcopal

Church in Scotland that any reasonable person could hope to obtain. It is a good-sized book of 310 pages, and is a carefully-prepared compilation.

The American Church Almanac and Year Book, 1893. New York: James Pott & Co.

In this book we have abundant information regarding our sister Church in the United States. It also has a pretty full account of the Canadian dioceses and a list of the clergy. There are coloured portraits of Archbishop Cranmer and Archbishop Laud.

The Church Quarterly Review, January, 1893. Spottiswoode & Co., New Street Square, London. Price, 6s. Annual subscription, £1.

Some of the best thought is to be found in this admirable Review. It ought to be supported on this side of the Atlantic. The present number has articles on "Strong's Manual of Theology," "Pastor's History of the Popes from the Close of the Middle Ages," "Archaic Greece," "Plato and his Influence," and various other subjects ancient and modern. It also has a full notice of the newly-discovered "*Gospel According to Peter*." It is strange that while each of the four Gospels gives a different wording of our Lord's title on the cross, this apocryphal Gospel gives still another, "This is the King of Israel." The typography of the Review, as well as its subject matter, is of the best.

Religious Review of Reviews.

The Christian Literature Co., Astor Place, New York, have been appointed agents for this monthly periodical of religious thought. In the March issue will be commenced a series of illustrated character sketches of eminent divines from the pen of a well-known Church writer.

The Thinker. The Christian Literature Co., New York.

This magazine gives a survey of religious thought throughout the world. There is Christian, Biblical, Expository, Scientific and Theological thought, as well as current American, German, French, Dutch, Canadian, Scandinavian thought. The articles as a rule are of a most useful kind.

The Dominion Illustrated Monthly. Montreal: Sabiston Litho. and Publishing Co.

The issue for February has articles on "Whittier," "Indian Summer in the Gaspereaux," "Canada in English Verse," "Bermuda," and various other interesting subjects, together with an illustrated story by Miss E. Pauline Johnson. It is throughout an interesting number.

Annual Volume of the Illustrated Missionary News. Paper Boards, 1s. 6d. Containing articles on "Zenana Mission Work," "Dr. Barnardo's Waifs," "The Salvation Army in Norway," "The South American Mission," "The Royal Alfred Aged Seamen's Institution," "Mission Work in Algeria," also serial story, "From Cross to Crown," and papers upon Christian enterprise in all parts of the world. Nearly 100 illustrations. The attractive volume of the "*Illustrated Missionary News*" is very suitable for a Sunday school prize, and is admirably calculated to create in young minds and hearts an interest in home and foreign missionary work. London S. W. Partridge & Co.

The Missionary Review of the World for March opens with an exceedingly interesting and timely article on "The Question of Endowing Mission Churches." The following words with which Dr. Judson closes his excellent article contain a most valuable suggestion:—"I sometimes think that our churches are very extravagant in their use of property. In a part of the city, for instance, where worldly men are erecting structures from