

BOOK NOTICES.

ECCE CÆLUM, or "*The Hand of God in Earth*," by Rev. Aaron Burr, in which the writer shows from *History, Science, and Scripture* the ever active working of God in every event and fact on earth, that "Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without Our Father." History is the record of God's dealings with men, science in the knowledge of His works in nature, and Scripture is the Revelation of His will to men. From these three as parallel authorities the Author proves his positions by "(1) Setting aside the chief apparent objections to the doctrines, (2) Bringing forward its chief points of harmony with the constitution and course of nature; (3) Insinuating decisive examples of Divine Actions. "The hand of God in Earth"—a peculiar providence that regulates the minutest affairs of this world is a doctrine that cannot be too vividly realized.

HALF HOURS WITH THE LESSONS OF 1884. Being a series of 48 short sermons on the Sabbath School lessons by twenty-four Presbyterian Clergymen, e. g., Dr. John Hall; Dr. Crosby; Dr. Kittredge; Dr. Hoge; Dr. Cuyler; &c. To those whose who have tried the book in past years it needs no recommendation further than to say that this vol. is in our judgment even better than those of former years. To those who have not yet seen it and can spare a dollar and a half for such a book, we most heartily commend it.

THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION BOOK FOR 1884. Price only fifteen cents. A neat, compact comprehensive manual for Sabbath School teachers and scholars, and at so small a cost that all may get it. For the price it is unsurpassed.

THE WESTMINSTER HYMNAL. Of making many hymn books there seems no end. This one has an advantage over many others that it has the imprimatur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication. It contains the best and most honored standard hymns and a proportion of the newer favorites.

Some of the late issues of the American Presbyterian Board of Publication, for which McGregor & Knight, Halifax, are the agents, are,

FIRST THE BLADE, by Hannah More Johnson, Price \$1.00. Earnest work on the part of a young girl, who sought to follow the Saviour amid difficulties that beset her path. A very helpful story for the young. It teaches in a most attrac-

tive way the lesson that all need to learn, that the service of God consists not in seeking to do great things but in the faithful doing of that which lies to hand, in taking up our cross and following Christ.

CONRAD AND THE HOUSE WOLF, by Joy Allison, a story for boys. It tells of the earnest struggles and ultimate triumph over the house wolf, strong drink, that desolates so many homes. One of the most prominent characters is a noble hearted strong minded boy, whose father was a useless sot, but who ultimately became a reformed and saved man. It does not set before readers an ideal beyond their reach, but is a stimulating example of what earnest purpose may with God's help accomplish.

THE GREYS, by Abby Eldridge. An interesting temperance story illustrating the evils of moderate drinking and the evil that it works even where it does not lead to drunkenness.

Ten years ago the shores of Lake Nyassa in Africa presented on all sides unbroken heathen ground and little had been done to lessen the horrors of the slave trade or stay the bloodshed of tribal wars. A great change has been effected. Christianity is taking root. Congregations of native Christians meet for the worship of God and also take steps to send the Gospel to the country around. A native convert now goes out for two days a week to read the Bible in neighbouring villages. Others unite in paying for the services of an evangelist and a monthly missionary meeting is held to hear of the Lord's work in other lands. This is very gratifying progress in ten years and many in our own congregations may well blush to hear such statements as these.

At Mr. Laurie's station Anceitum the native converts recently shipped by the Dayspring 2570 pounds of arrow root of which 500 pounds was from the children alone. This when sold will realize about £150. The number of communicants at Aname is 250 and this gift will make this Anceitumese congregation in proportion to communicants the largest contributors to Foreign Missions in the Free Church of Scotland. When Dr. Geddie landed on Anceitum there was not a single Christian. What hath God wrought since that time?