

### Literary Notices.

**OLYMPIA MORATA.** From the French by M. Jules Bonnet. Translated by Graco Patterson. The name of Olympia Morata is one that is well worth being revived. She lived in the sixteenth century and her story takes us back to the time of the great movements, the Renaissance and the Reformation, with both of which the life of this young woman was closely connected. We have here, therefore, not merely the facts of the biography of an illustrious woman, but are also introduced to a history of intense interest. We learn much of the story of the Reformation in Italy and the sufferings it brought to those who espoused its principles. The personal history of Olympia as here given shows her suffering much in the cause of Christ but ever loyal and devoted. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. 16mo, pp. 284. Price, 85 cents.—Macgregor & Knight, Halifax.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for March opens with a well illustrated article on the "Campaign of Waterloo"—to be continued in the next issue. The first paper deals especially with the battle of Ligny. "The Electric Motor and its Applications," is the title of a very interesting paper by Franklin L. Pope, shewing the many and varied purposes to which electricity is applied from the driving of a factory to the running of a sewing machine. "A Shelf of Old Books," (Leigh Hunt) will attract the lover of literary treasures, while the concluding instalment of "Mendelssohn's Letters to Moscheles," illustrated by facsimiles of autograph musical scores, &c., will be of interest to those who wish to learn more of the great musician's life and character. There are also several stories. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price 25 cts., \$3.00 per year.

**HINTS TO YOUNG MEN.**—From the Parable of the Prodigal Son. By the Rev. John Leyburn, D. D. The author is well known as an eloquent preacher. This book consists of a course of sermons on the parable of the prodigal son addressed to young men. They are full of wise counsels and suggestions, which the young men of these modern days would find it to their profit to read and deeply ponder.

Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. 16mo, pp. 183. Price, 60 cents. McGregor & Knight, Halifax.

### MISSIONS DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA.

A writer in *The Chronicle* of the London Missionary Society, treating of missions during the period covered by the reign of Queen Victoria, thinks there is good cause to thank God and take courage.

He says: "The seven Protestant Missionary Societies of 1800 have become more than 100 in 1887. The total income of the seven was less than £50,000; the income of the hundred is £2,220,000. In 1800 the converts numbered about 50,000; now they are nearly 3,000,000. Every Protestant denomination of the least importance has its foreign missionary society. "Their sound has gone out unto all the earth." If a chart could be so tinted as to exhibit the relative presence of Christian teachers throughout heathendom as recently as 1837 and now, the contrast would be very great. Instead of missions being a failure, as only the superficial can call them, they are a splendid success; and it is not the least of the glorious features of Her Majesty's reign that during it Christianity has spread more widely, gained more triumphs, and made more solid advance through heathendom than during any monarch's reign of any age or country."

*Temple Bar* (London) speaking of Lady Duff Gordon, says: "At Keneth they saw a theological curiosity—a Copt who had turned Presbyterian, and persuaded a hundred others to do likewise. He was sent to the Soudan by the Patriarch, but brought back. Lady Gordon said 'He is a splendid fellow, and I thought I looked on the face of a Christian martyr—a curious sight in the nineteenth century.' When he was gone, the Mufti said 'Ah! we thank them: for though they know not the truth of Islam, they are good men, and walk straight, and would die for their religion. Their example is excellent. Praise be to God for them!'"

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.