

tutions, religious life and morals, social, domestic, and business relations, and a chapter on missions. Less than twenty miles of railway exist in the Empire. A Moslem was killed on the railway, and a mob destroyed the engine and stopped railway exploiting. Teheran, the capital, which has grown during this century from 15,000 to 210,000, gas and electric light are signs of modern progress. The Moslem "caste" is very haughty; a dirty street beggar will wash the alms of a Christian before accepting it. A nobleman, at a reception, gave his arm to a Christian lady, and had the sleeve of his coat taken out, washed and pressed to remove the contamination.

Family relations are embittered by polygamy. "A man's worst enemy is his wife," says a Persian proverb; and another, "the dog is faithful, the woman never." "There are dragons and scorpions in hell," said a molla, or priest, preaching in a mosque. "I have a worse hell on earth, my two wives." Not one in six children survives, and it is said not one in ten reaches maturity. There is much work for Christian missions here. The pictures of Persian types are exceedingly good, and an excellent map adds to the usefulness of the volume.

The Christ Dream. By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS, D.D. Cloth, 8vo. Pp. 275. Price, \$1.20. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a volume of twenty-four sermons, that takes its name from the first one, which is a Decoration Day address. In this memorial to the War of the Rebellion on the text, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth," he makes the essential thought to be the coming of universal peace and brotherhood, the realization of the great dream of humanity. Through his different volumes of sermons and addresses Dr. Banks is most favourably known, and the present one will not lessen his reputation. It is not for reputation or money, however, that the true preacher publishes his discourses, but that he may reach a larger audience. Though the constituency may be principally among ministers, yet good service is rendered when suggestions and inspiration are furnished, and this Dr. Banks always does. His sermons are not commonplace homilies, but the live expression of a real heart message

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A Greek Lexicon to the New Testament. By W. GREENFIELD. Manila, 25 cents. Boston, Mass.: H. L. Hastings. *Vocabulary of New Testament Words.* By OZRA STEARNS DAVIS. Paper, 25 cents. Hartford: Seminary Press. Here are two very useful public tions for the reader of the New Testament. The "Lexicon" is in a small and convenient form, giving the various senses of all the words in English with reference to the passages. The mere learner or advanced student will find this a very handy and useful lexicon. The "Vocabulary" classifies the words according to roots, giving the number of times used by each author, with the simple English equivalents. It is arranged with a view to memorizing in order to sight-reading. It is especially adapted to students. N. B.

The following pamphlets have been received, but limits of space will not permit a review.

That Monster the Higher Criticism, and Biblical Inspiration. By MARVIN R. VINCENT, D.D. New York: Anson S. F. Randolph & Co.

Revision of the Confession of Faith. New York: Wilbur B. Ketcham.

The Christian's Duty; or, Why a Christian Should be a Church Member. A Symposium. Edited by REV. J. BERG ESENWEIN. Reading, Pa.: Frank J. Rover. Price, 10c.

Altar and Ring. A Wedding-Day Souvenir. Compiled by REV. GERARD B. F. HALLOCK. Reading, Pa.: Frank J. Boyer. Price, 35c.

Sanctification. A Sermon by REV. A. STEWART, B.D., Professor in Wesley College, Winnipeg. Preached at the Manitoba and North-West Conference, and published by request. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 10c.

The Lord's Prayer. Illustrated. The Poem Translated from the Old German by EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN. New York: American Tract Society. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society. Price, 25c.

New Light on the Old Prayer. By REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, LL.D., Professor in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Paper. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 15c.