

BOOK NOTICES.

The Testimony of the Rocks; or, Geology in its bearings on the two Theologies, Natural and Revealed. By HUGH MILLER. Thirty-second thousand. 12mo., 502 pp., 152 engravings. Price \$1 50. Carter & Bros., New York; Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto and Montreal.

WE consider this the best of Hugh Miller's books, as is also indicated by its enormous circulation. It gives the result of the latest and ripest thought of the author, on the important subjects of which it treats. Certainly no geologist ever possessed the happy faculty of popularizing his science and making it not only lucid but luminous, like Hugh Miller, and few writers of the English language exhibit the stately eloquence of diction and sublimity of thought that characterize portions of this book—notably the grand vision of creation in the fourth chapter. This elegant reissue of his works by the Carter Brothers is a timely contribution to the discussion of the relation of Science and Revelation, which is one of the vexed questions of the day. At once an eminent scientist and a devout believer, Hugh Miller saw no antagonism between the two. A careful perusal of his writings, besides being a keen intellectual pleasure, can not fail to fortify one's convictions of the marvellous and beautiful harmony of the two theologies, natural and revealed. We shall reproduce on a future occasion, in illustration of this, his physical theory of the Deluge.

A painful interest is given to this volume by the fact that the last proof sheets passed under his hand the very night that the over-wrought brain gave way, and he fired the suicidal shot that ended a heroic life, and deprived the world of one of its noblest interpreters of the works of God, and one of the wisest defenders of His revealed truth. A memorial of his last days accompanies the volume.

Forty Years in the Turkish Empire; or, Memoirs of the Rev. William Goodell, D.D., late missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., at Constantinople. By his Son-in-Law, E. D. G. Prime, D.D. 8vo. xii-489 pp. Robert Carter & Bros., New York; Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto and Montreal.

THE history of Christian missions lacks no element of heroic achievement, and of apostolic piety. That of the operations of the American Missionary Board in the Turkish Empire is no exception. Of these operations the Rev. Dr. Goodell was for forty years a leading spirit. The record of his life, therefore, is one of unusual interest. His first mission work was in Beyrout. Here his house was pillaged during the Greek Revolution, when the town was bombarded and he was compelled to fly from Syria. After a temporary sojourn at Malta he removed to Constantinople, where his life thereafter was chiefly spent, varied by journeys in Syria and Asia Minor. A vast amount of interesting information on Christian missions, and on the internal economy of the moribund Turkish Empire, is given. The "Sacred Edict," or *Magna Charta* of the Turkish Christians, as it was fondly hoped to be, which was granted by the Sultan during the Crimean war, the full text of which is given, is found to be largely shorn of its value by the religious intolerance of the Turkish officials. This effete dynasty is evidently tottering to its fall, and assuredly British blood and treasure will never again be lavished to prolong its worthless life. This book is of such interest that we shall hereafter present a *resume* of its contents.

Coulyng Castle; or, a Knight of the Olden Days. By AGNES GIBERNE, author of "Aimee," etc. 12mo. 448 pp., illustrated. New York: Carter & Bros.; Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto and Montreal.

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