

pared to admit the claim. It will be a very useful book to keep on the desk for ready reference. Nothing is a surer mark of careful education than correct pronunciation. There are few persons who do not fall into some solecisms or errors which this book would correct. Its merit is shown by its reaching a second edition.

Three Vassar Girls in Russia and Turkey. By ELIZABETH W. CHAMPNEY. Fully illustrated, small 4to. Boards \$1.50, cloth \$2. Boston: Estes & Laureat. Toronto: William Briggs.

The success of the Vassar Girls' series has been phenomenal, over 80,000 volumes having been sold. They have the merit of being exceedingly readable, and of conveying a large amount of information in a very agreeable form. The volume before us describes some of the striking scenes of the Turko-Russian war. The illustrations of persons and places, costumes and customs, are very graphic and numerous. The stately architecture of modern Athens will be a surprise to many readers. Such out-of-the-way places as Ragusa, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Nijni-Novgorod, the Crimea, Shipka Pass and Plevna furnish singular attractions for the reader.

Zig-Zag Journeys in the British Isles. By HEZEKIAH BUTTERWORTH. Small 4to, pp. 320. Boston: Estes & Laureat. Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, \$2.00; fancy boards, \$1.75.

Still more popular than the "Vassar Girls'" series are Mr. Butterworth's interesting books, of which no less than a quarter of a million have been sold. They combine in a remarkable degree amusement and instruction. In this volume an American family take a vacation ramble through their old ancestral home-land. They travel through the country of Moore and Goldsmith in Ireland; through the English Lake District of the poets; through Abbot'sford, Melrose and the scenes made famous by the Wizard of the

North; through Scrooby, the land of the pilgrims, old Boston, Windsor, the West of England and the Isle of Avalon—the scene of King Arthur's legends. A thousand sidelights are thrown upon the page of history, and a fine anthology of English legendary verse is given. The engravings, over 100 in number, are admirable. The book will make an excellent Christmas present.

Man and His Maladies; or, The Way to Health. A Popular Handbook of Physiology and Domestic Medicine in Accord with the Advance in Medical Science. By A. E. BRIDGER, B.A., M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.P.E. 12mo, cloth, pp. xvi-593. New York: Harper & Bros. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.00.

The title of this book fully describes its scope and purpose. The author wisely avoids prescribing medicines, except some harmless simples; and points out that true curative treatment is not a war between medicines and disease, but a partnership between nature and her disciple, working harmoniously together for the sufferer's good. The book will be very useful, as showing how to preserve health by the avoidance of the causes of disease and by hygienic modes of living. The author is a distinguished English physician and writes with full knowledge of the recent progress of the science of medicine.

Summer Holidays: Travelling Notes in Europe. By THEODORE CHILD. Pp. 304. New York: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

Many poor books of travel attain a certain degree of popularity on account of their superior illustration. This is not one of that character. It depends entirely upon its literary interest and on the out-of-the-way places which it describes. It is made up of contributions to such high-class periodicals as the *Atlantic*, *Cornhill*, and other magazines. It describes travel down the Danube to Constantinople, the city of the Sultan, Milan, Limoges, Rheims, the