

HENRY BURNEY, or a talk about angels, by Mr C. A. Bradshaw, 18mo. pp. 129.

This little work brings out in a style suited to the young the information afforded in Scripture regarding that exalted class of beings, and the practical lessons to be deduced from its teachings regarding them. We should like to see more of this kind of books in our Sabbath Schools and libraries, rather than narratives partly or entirely fictitious, which have an air of unreality about them, which injures their practical influence.

THE CHILD'S PILGRIMS PROGRESS, in two parts. In extra binding with gilt edges.

This is not an attempt to improve on Bunyan. Such an attempt at "painting the lily" would indeed be folly. It is an abridgement, containing a selection of those portions most interesting to the young, retaining as much as possible the language of the "Great Dreamer." Any commendation of its contents would therefore be superfluous, and it is only necessary to add that these two little volumes are got up in a style of binding, just such as would attract every child.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MR. GORDON'S LAST LETTER.

The following letter bears date two days later than any of Mr. Gordon's hitherto published in the *Record*. It appeared in the London *Evangelical Christianity*:

Ecromanga, April 6, 1861.

We are passing through a season of imminent peril on this and the neighbouring islands by the introduction of the measles (*rubeola maligna*), which have destroyed two-thirds of the population in many villages. The natives in general look upon us as the cause of this scourge, and being maddened with enmity, have risen up, to destroy *all* foreigners. They nearly succeeded in killing all the Europeans a few days ago, and made another bold attack on the sandal-wood establishment two nights since, and burnt one house, or set fire to some. They held a council before our door to kill us, but were divided in their counsel, because the fear of God seems to be upon them all. It is truly awful to live among such a savage people at such a time as this; but "the name of the Lord is a strong tower." The only Christian native on the island has taken refuge with us.

Their wickedness was very great during the two past years—crimes of burning villages and killing of helpless women and children were increasing. In warning them of their danger, but one week before the measles came among them, I taught the doctrine of a retributive Providence with unusual earnestness. That day will not soon be forgotten; for the chiefs and leaders in crime and idolatry are now nearly all dead. Many now exclaim that the Word of God is certainly true, but hate us, as the cause of bringing their sins to remembrance in the light of this new doctrine. Idolatry has received a deathblow. Some of them have so feared Jehovah as to remove their images out of the villages where the sick were lying, and I hope they will soon destroy them. They are now sorely wounded, and seem to require nothing but the balm of Gilead, after which they are beginning to inquire.

But few of the juveniles have died, and I have hope that they will be like the generation of Israel that entered the promised land. This interesting class is now daily falling under our influence. Their fathers were nearly as strongly opposed to the Gospel as the Jews in their worst state, and the causes are somewhat simi-