

will be a perpetual delight, and will cultivate the tastes of thousands of readers, and will make life more beautiful, widening its horizon and elevating its plane. Every member of every household into which so much pure, refining, and instructive literature goes is benefited. It will just whet the desire to explore the vast fields of literature here opened to view.

*Abraham Lincoln and the Abolition of Slavery in the United States.*  
By CHARLES GODFREY LELAND.  
Second Edition. New Plutarch Series. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.

No man was so passionately loved in life and so passionately mourned in death, by the negro population of America, as "Massa Linkum." Indeed, to the present day, in many a slave cabin in Cuba his portrait is preserved as a kind of fetich—as the picture of a great prophet, who will come again like King Arthur to lead the slave to liberty. Mr. Leland has told with graphic skill the story of this remarkable life. Lincoln was not, by any means, the blameless and beautiful character that Garfield was, but he was a man of grander heroism, of more grotesque humour, of more tragic pathos, all which traits are strikingly set forth. With all his faults it must be said—

This man  
Hath borne his faculties so meek, hath  
been  
So clear in his great office, that his  
virtues  
Will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued,  
against  
The deep damnation of his taking off.

*Autobiography of Erastus O. Haven,*  
D.D., LL.D., one of the Bishops of  
the Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Edited by the Rev. C. C. STRAT-  
TON, D.D. Pp. 329. New York:  
Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm.  
Briggs. Price \$1.50.

There are bishops and bishops. In a late number we reviewed the letters of Bishop Thirlwall, as revealing the cultured, scholarly man

of letters, exploring in the learned leisure of his study the whole field of literature, ancient and modern. The present volume exhibits the busy man of affairs—a teacher, preacher, professor, editor, member of Massachusetts's Senate, president of three universities in succession, an itinerant bishop traversing a continent vaster than Europe, and chairman of half-a-dozen educational and other boards. He was even, as a boy, a mail carrier for the United States Government. His life-story is very instructive. He conquered his way, despite his poverty and difficulties, through college, and reached each successive coign of vantage, not through any special genius, but by sheer energy of character, by dint of hard work. He had not the genius of his distinguished kinsman, Bishop Gilbert Haven, but he was a more judicious man and made fewer mistakes. His chief success was as an educationist. Every institution and enterprise of which he took hold he made a success. The greater part of the book is a frank and *naive* autobiography, in which piquancy and transparent simplicity are the striking characteristics.

*Oinos.—A Discussion of the Bible Wine Question.* By LEON C. FIELD, A.M., with an introduction by BISHOP WARREN, D.D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

The main portion of this book appeared in the *Methodist Quarterly Review* for 1882, and attracted much attention for the bold decisive mode of handling the question. In its present form we hope that it will be widely read. Bishop Warren in his brief introduction says: "One of the battles yet raging is whether the wine-bibber and manufacturer can hide themselves behind the example of Christ, the Saviour of the world. As an aid to victory in this fight, this new piece of ordnance has been brought forward. It is of large calibre, well rifled, carefully loaded, and liable to recoil. I wish it might be everywhere trained on the enemy, and made to open fire."