

furnished a very readable book, full of anecdote, pleasant gossip, and characteristic quotations from the writings of his representative men. Among the subjects treated are, Lowell, Wendell Phillips, Beecher, Dr. John Hall, Longfellow, Evarts, Cyrus Field, Emerson, Fred. Douglas, Dr. Deems, Prof. Swing, Edward Eggleston, Grant, &c.; from Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald and Bishop Lewis. Among the most striking features of the book are thirty-five portraits—most of them very good—giving us the outward semblance of the men described.

*Personality: Human and Divine.*

By the REV. WM. OLSSON, LL.D. pp. 117. New York: Thos. Whitaker. Price 75c.

This is a thoughtful treatise upon some of the profoundest problems of Christian philosophy—Human personality, the personality of God, and the tri-personality of God. We recommend the book to persons having mental difficulties on these subjects.

*Introductory Lessons in Drawing and Painting in Water Colours.*

By MARION KEMBLE. Boston: S. W. Tilton & Co. Price, 50 cts.

*Art Needlework for Decorative Embroidery.* By LUCRETIA P. HALE.

Same publisher and same price.

No accomplishment is at once a source of such pleasure to one's self and to others as that of drawing and painting. Yet many are deterred from acquiring it for lack of a teacher. That lack is supplied by the first of these pamphlets, which gives ample and plain directions to beginners in this fascinating art, by following which the young artist will be prepared to attempt more difficult designs. Nothing will so cultivate the eye and hand, the powers of observation, and love of the beautiful, as learning to draw.

The second pamphlet gives plain instructions for decorative needlework, which is so popular, and is taking the place of the tedious art caricatures that too long afflicted humanity.

*Historical Epochs, with System of Mnemonics.* By E. A. FITZ-SIMON. Same publishers.

Anything that will enable one to remember dates will greatly facilitate the study of history, chronology, and biography. Such a system is here presented by an ingenious substitution of letters for figures, whereby the dates may be expressed by mnemonic words. It is easily learned, and the author avouches will save nine-tenths of the time required for learning dates. A table of the principal events in the history of the world is also given.

The same publishers also issue an illustrated guide book to Saratoga, giving every information that visitors can desire. It is also a pleasing *souvenir* of that pleasure-city.

*The Gift of the Holy Ghost and How It May Be Obtained*, is the title of an excellent little pamphlet on a most important subject. It was read before a Revival Conference at Detroit, Michigan, and made such a favourable impression that its publication was requested. Its wide circulation cannot fail to do good. Published by W. C. Palmer, Bible House, New York. It is written, we omitted to say, by our old friend the Rev. Dr. Poole, late of this city.

A new volume on the State of New York has just been issued, which should be in the hands of every one interested in the Empire State, also in every public and private library. It embraces historical, descriptive, and statistical notices of cities, towns, villages, industries, and summer resorts in the various parts of the State, together with a complete list of the post-offices, counties, and county towns, lakes, rivers, railroads, &c., and is embellished with 200 fine wood-engravings, illustrating almost every point of interest. No book has yet been published on New York State, so picturesque as this, and containing so much information of a general and practical use. The get-up of the book is all that could be desired. The size is octavo, and it is printed on tinted paper and bound in blue cloth and gold, top edges gilt, and published at the low price of \$1.50. The compiler, editor, and publisher of the book is Henry Kollock, office, 22 Vesey street, New York City.