

in its various forms become, that it promises to be, if not soon checked, an evil that not only brings ruin to countless victims, but one that menaces the best interests of society and civilization as well. The press and pulpit are gradually awakening to the portentous consequences involved in this subject, and are endeavouring, as best they can to stem the tide; but they can at present accomplish little, for their knowledge of the subject is necessarily restricted, and without long and patient investigation it is impossible to get at the true character and extent of the evil. The facts of the case are faithfully presented in this work. Dr. Hubbard has made the opium habit his special study for years, and no man in the country is better qualified than he to sound the "cry of warning" which he does in this book. He handles the subject in a comprehensive manner, treating of the habit in all its various stages, from the first dose of morphine, taken to alleviate pain, to that stage where the victim, seduced into a confirmed use of the drug, after years of dissipation has become, physically and mentally, a helpless wreck. It is a book that should go not only into the hands of the "medical fraternity, but should be read by all who are addicted to those baleful habits. The directions given are so clear and simple that victims of the habit, even though remote from physicians, may successfully treat their own cases.

*Sunday for Young and Old.* Small 4to, pp. 412. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co.; Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

The holiday season is over, but such books as these are in season all the year. This is the best juvenile of its class that we know—simple enough for the little folk and so interesting that "children of an older growth" will read it with avidity. It will suffer nothing in Canadian estimation from the fact that it is an American edition of an English serial which has had an immense sale. It has over 200 engravings by eminent English artists. It will make Sunday brighter and all the week better.

*Chautauqua Text Books.* We have received three more of these little books, into which are compressed a wonderful amount of information.

The first is *Outlines of General History*, by DR. J. H. VINCENT. Whoever will master this little book,—and by its divisions into twelve great periods and pictures of twelve memorial buildings, it is very easily mastered—will possess a clear and definite outline of general history; and one that

shall render all his subsequent reading in this vast field more interesting and instructive than it could otherwise possibly be.

*Asiatic History—China, Corea and Japan*, by the REV. WM. E. GRIFFIN, is much inferior in arrangement and treatment to that just noted; still we know not where else one will find so much in such small compass on the subject.

*The Life of Elihu Burritt, "the Learned Blacksmith,"* by CHARLES NORTHEND, should be read by every boy in Canada. It shows how a strong will can conquer any difficulties, and leads us to admire Burritt, not only for his many-linguaged head, but also for his large loving heart.

These books will be mailed by Rev. Wm. Briggs, Toronto, at 12 cents each.

*The Hall in the Grove.* Written for the C. L. S. C. Course. By PANSY. 1 vol. 16mo, cloth, illustrated. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co.; Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1 50.

The spread of the Chautauqua "Circles" during the last two years has been something marvelous, and it has been Pansy's endeavour, in this book, to give some idea of the many and far-reaching influences which they have exerted and may exert in communities outside their appropriate limits. To do this with more effect, she has created a group of representative characters, such as may be found in almost any large country village, and then, drawing them together into a "Circle," traces the results in other than the single direction of the acquiring of knowledge. She shows how personal habits are improved, the moral and religious feelings strengthened, wholesome ambitions aroused, and the higher and better elements of the intellect developed.

The Rev. J. C. Seymour, author of "Voices From the Throne," etc., has prepared a volume of Temperance Readings under the title of "*The Conquest of Rum; or, The Temperance Sketch Book for Young and Old*". We have read the greater part of this book in MS. and can commend it as one of the most interesting temperance volumes we have ever seen. It has not a dull page in it. It abounds with incidents and anecdotes which will move alternately to smiles and tears; with arguments that will convince the judgment, and appeals that will arouse the conscience and influence the will. The book is now passing through our Connexional press, and will be ready by the Conferences. We recommend it for Sunday-school libraries, Bands of Hope, Temperance Societies, public readings, etc.

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