

SPARKS FOR YOUR TINDER. By Rev. G. R. White, B.A. Montreal: Wm. Drysdale & Co. 1893.

This neat and compact little volume of two hundred pages is made up of some eighteen papers which apparently were in the main delivered as addresses to the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. They are prefaced by an appreciative introduction by the Rev. D. A. Steele and deal with a variety of topics, such as temperance, missionary work, kindness to animals, etc., with becoming earnestness and vigor, and not without grace of expression. The tone of the papers is what is known as evangelical. In the paper entitled "Erring in Vision," speaking of strong drink, the writer says: "Charles Lamb, Hartley, Coleridge, Edgar Allen Poe, Lord Byron and Robert Burns are only examples of the great army marching on to death and hell—while men smile and drink and vote and die." The book ends with these well-known and sometimes ill-practised words, "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love." I. Cor. xiii., R. V.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. PETER: Synoptical Tables with Translation and Critical Apparatus. Edited by Dr. H. V. Schubert. Price, 1/6. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1893.

The present brochure is intended to accompany a treatise on the Composition of the Pseudo-Petrine Gospel Fragment, by the same author. This treatise has not been translated, but the materials here supplied are of independent value, and will enable the reader to form a judgment of the character of this interesting discovery. First of all, we have six parallel columns, the second giving the so-called Petrine text, the last four the parallel passages in the New Testament Gospels, and the first column the texts of the Septuagint referred to in the Petrine Gospel. At the end is placed an English translation of the "Gospel of St. Peter." Some of the additions are very curious, but it is hardly necessary to say that, whilst this discovery is of interest as illustrating certain modes of thought in the early Church, it adds nothing to our real knowledge of the Gospel history. It adds another to the proofs already existing of the transcendent superiority of the canonical Gospels to the apocryphal ones.

DAVID BALFOUR, being Memoirs of his Adventures at Home and Abroad. Written by himself and now set forth by Robert Louis Stevenson. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$1.50.

We have already made mention of this same story under the title "Catriona." It appears that one set of publishers have issued it under the first name, taking it no doubt from the fascinating heroine of the tale, Catriona Drummond, whose character is so beautifully portrayed by the author, and who lends such a vivid interest to David's adventures in France and Holland. We might remark that in the present volume a clear and concise summary of the story "Kidnapped" is given so that the reader has a fair start. The heroine, Catriona, is sketched with delicate insight and graphic power and proves how well our author, who has dealt rather sparingly with woman-kind in his romantic stories, can at will depict her. The weird warlock, Tod Lapraik, is a striking feature and gives play to that mysterious faculty which is so often in evidence in Mr. Stevenson's writings and in the exercise of which he is such a master. Altogether "David Balfour" is a book which every one with a taste for literature will read, as it still further illustrates the inventive genius, the artistic skill and the glorious style of this princely romancer.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

PERIODICALS.

Graphic sketches are those in the September Macmillan—the one by Arthur Tilley describing Henry of Navarre as a letter writer, a consummate one at that, and the other picturing vividly the sturdy Quaker, George Fox. Particularly interesting is the portion in the latter which refers to Fox's interview, with Cromwell. Mrs. Ritchie also has a good paper entitled, "Dwellers in Arcady" in this number. The Hon. J. W. Fortescue's short article on Red Coats is also good.

The Expository Times for October begins a new volume and gives great promise of fulfilling the promise of the first four. It is a publication intended chiefly for the clergy and Bible class and Sunday school teachers, but it would be difficult to imagine any one interested in Christianity who would not get help from this publication. With writers like Bishop Westcott, Dr. Wendt, Dr. Orr and others, we can hardly go wrong. But we should mention also the first of what promises to be a most helpful set of papers on Tennyson's "In Memoriam," by Miss M. A. Woods.

A very pretty scene is that which appears as frontpiece of the Canadian Magazine for October, entitled "On Rouge River near Toronto." We think the majority of readers will turn at once to the stirring and graphic paper "Down the Yukon and up the Mackenzie," in which the intrepid explorer, William Ogilvie, further details his Alaskan adventures. The portrait of Mr. Ogilvie is but one of many interesting accompanying illustrations. Professor Russell has delved in a mine that might well be worked to historic and literary advantage in his able paper entitled "An old Provincial Statute Book." The versatile Attorney-General Longley writes of an important Canadian industry, "Fruit Growing in Annapolis Valley." Another industrial paper is that by Mr. Henry J. Woodside, "With a Fishing Tug on Lake Superior." John Ferguson, M. D., has a hopeful and instructive paper on Consumption. There is much more excellent matter in this good number, including poems, stories, etc. Miss Evelyn Durand's poem is graceful and pleasing.

Thoroughly well informed and hopeful are the papers on the business outlook by prominent financial men with which the North American Review for October begins. Sir Charles Dilke, as to the financial strain of the European armament, says that with the doubtful exception of Italy it is not as yet unbearable. In discussing the battle ship of the future, Admiral P. H. Colomb says: "I believe, therefore, that the battle ship, as a battle ship, will hold her own to the end of time." Women will find four excellent papers devoted to them in this number. Clement Scott, the well-known English art critic, from an experience of 33 years, tells how "in 1860 the intellectual public cold-shouldered the stage because it was so brainless," and "in 1890 the self-respecting portion of the intellectual public began to suspect the stage because it was lending itself to the propagation of dangerous heresies and becoming a platform for the discussion of subjects that are generally in good society debated with closed doors." The Marquis of Lorne has a short paper in this number on "The latest aspect of Imperial Federation."

Mr. Henry Wood discusses in the October Arena, in academic fashion, "The Psychology of Crime." He says that "The scientific way to destroy evil is not to hold it up and analyze it in order to make it hateful, but rather to put it out of the consciousness." W. H. VanOrnum and A. J. Warner contribute papers respectively on the silver question. Mr. VanOrnum's solution of the difficulty is that business men should form mutual associations for their own convenience and credit, to facilitate their own business and should issue certificates of credit in manner indicated by him. Mr. Warner says "if bimetalism is destroyed, the automatic regulation of money will go with it, and the entire volume of silver money now in the world must be withdrawn, for it will soon cease to be worth more than a small percentage of its normal

value." W. E. Manley, D. D., under the caption, "Aionian Punishment not Eternal," writes on the vexed question of the meaning of the Greek word, Aionios, in the Scriptures. W. J. Armstrong, in a satiric paper, deservedly castigates "ex Senator Ingalls," whom he numbers among political quacks. We should not omit mention of the very interesting paper of the Editor on the coming religion.

LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

Professor Hoppin's excellent book on "Old England; Its Scenery, Art, and People," has reached its twelfth edition.

A new edition from new plates is promised of Mrs. Harris's "Rutledge," one of the most popular of American novels.

Professor Thatcher, of the University of Chicago, publishes, through Houghton, Mifflin, and Co., "A Sketch of the History of the Apostolic Church."

Readers of the "Japanese Girls and Women," will welcome Miss Bacon's new book "A Japanese Interior," in which she describes from observation the home and school life of the Japanese.

Rev. George A. Jackson has written an historical story which will be issued shortly from the Riverside Press. It is entitled "The Son of a Prophet," and relates to the time and events of the reign of Solomon.

Harper Brothers announce "The Two Salomes," by Maria L. Pool; "On the Road Home," a volume of poems by Margaret E. Sangster; "The Wheel of Time," by Henry James; and "My Year in a Log Cabin," by W. D. Howells.

Mr. Charles Dexter Allen, of Hartford, the Hon. Corresponding Secretary for the United States, of the Ex Libris Society of London, is preparing a work upon the subject of American book-plates, to be published by Messrs. Macmillan & Co.

Frank R. Stockton has written the history of "How I Wrote 'The Lady of the Tiger?'" for the next issue of the Ladies' Home Journal, and tells what came of the writing of the famous story, and the condition of his own mind at the present time, and the correct solution of the problem, whether the lady or the tiger came out of the opened door.

The Century has arranged with Professor Charles Eliot Norton, literary executor of the late James Russell Lowell, for the publication of the last remaining unpublished literary work of the able critic. The first paper, which will appear in an early number, has to do with "Wit, Humour, Fun, and Satire." A recently discovered, unpublished poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, written on the occasion of the fortieth birthday of Mr. Lowell, will soon appear in The Century.

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Mr. Joseph Robson, a well-known Farmer is Reported to Health and Strength after Nine Years of Terrible Suffering—All Hope of Recovery had been abandoned and He Looked upon Life as a Burden.

From the Leamington Post.

Mr. Joseph Robson, whose home is the first concession of Leamington, is known to almost every resident of this section. For years past, Mr. Robson has been a victim of paralysis in its worst form, and his case was regarded as hopeless, not only by himself and his friends but by the doctors who had attended him.

To one who knew Mr. Robson's pitiable condition, as we did, it was with a small degree of surprise and pleasure that we recently saw him drive through