

lish the volume, which is further illustrated by wood engravings of the numerous structures, both in the Old World and the New, specially erected or adapted for the monster meetings which focused the religious enthusiasm of such multitudes on the great subject of salvation. The literary style of the book is vivacious and attractive, and the narrative abounds with illustrative anecdotes. Its perusal will be at once a mental pleasure and a means of grace. Dr. Eben Tourjee, whose life is here sketched, is a distinguished Boston Methodist, Dean of the Musical Faculty in the Boston University, and President of the Musical Conservatory of that city, which in ten years has had 16,000 music students. He organized a choir of 2,000 trained voices for assisting the revival meetings now in progress. A chapter of Mr. Moody's most striking anecdotes is added to the volume.

*The Starling.* By NORMAN MACLEOD, D.D. 12mo., pp. 392. Toronto, Belford Brothers.

This is another of those charming stories, with their blending of pathos and humour, by the late genial editor of *Good Words*. It records how an innocent starling set a whole parish by the ears, was condemned to death by the Kirk Sessions, and was finally reprieved. The character of the obstinately conscientious Kirk minister, of the God-fearing elder, and of the "ne'er do weel" Jock Hall, are admirably sketched. The effect of human kindness in bringing Jock to a better life, and the sanctifying effect of affliction to them that "are exercised thereby," are well shown. The book will be read with mingled smiles and tears, and will do good to both head and heart. It is graphically illustrated.

*The Methodist Quarterly Review*—April. Dr. Abel Stevens opens this number with a highly appreciative paper on "Macaulay's Life and

Letters," and Mr. Southall refutes some adverse criticisms of his book on the "Recent Origin of Man." A review of the Rev. Wm. Taylor's "Four Years' Campaign in India" illustrates the remarkable success of missionary labour in that country. A Kansas pastor compares and contrasts English and American Methodism, to the advantage, we think, of the former in many respects. Prof. Winchell grapples with some of the difficulties of the Evolution theory, showing the slight ground on which Prof. Huxley bases some of his conclusions. Articles on "The Classical Literature of the Chinese" and on "The Thirty Years' War," with over a score of editorial book notices complete the number.

*The Art of Teaching.* By FREDERICK C. EMBERSON, M.A. Montreal: Dawson Brothers.

This little book, by an accomplished scholar and veteran teacher, will be of immense practical value in improving the most important of all arts. It is eminently philosophical in its principles, and practical in its method. It discusses, not merely the culture of the mind, but also of the eye, the ear, the voice, the health, the manners, and the morals of the pupils. School appliances, organization, discipline, time-tables, etc., are succinctly treated. No teacher, no parent, can read it without receiving many profitable suggestions.

*The Popular Science Monthly.* D. Appleton & Co.

The April number of this admirable monthly contains a very interesting communication from our accomplished townsman Dr. Canniff, on "The Nature and Cause of Fermentation." It freely criticises Prof. Tyndall's previous paper on that subject, and presents some seemingly insuperable objections to the complete