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*The Temperance Reform and its Great Reformers.* By the Rev. W. H. DANIELS, A.M. 8vo. pp. 612. Illustrated. New York: Nelson Phillips.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times, one of the brightest auguries of the future, is the great temperance revival which is sweeping, in a wave of blessing, over the country. The popular conscience, long apathetic to the evils of intemperance, is being quickened, beyond all precedent, to a sense of its turpitude, and is being roused to effort for its removal. Many of the most earnest and successful moral reformers of the age throw themselves heart and soul into the temperance work. Some of these whose labours God has most signally blessed are men who have themselves been plucked as brands from the burning, are men into whose own soul the iron has entered. The handsome volume whose title is given above contains a remarkably full record of the Temperance Reform from the Blue Laws of Connecticut and the Father Matthew movement in Ireland down to the "Woman's Crusade" and the Red Ribbon and Murphy Movement. Mr. Daniels writes with eminent good taste and literary skill. The publishers have prepared a large and handsome well printed volume, illustrated by twenty-five engraved portraits of eminent temperance reform workers, of whom graphic life sketches are given. Among these are Dr. Beecher, I. B. Gough, Father Matthew, Dr.

Reynolds, Francis Murphy, Neal Dow, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Talmage, Mr. Moody, and many of the "elect ladies" of the Woman's Crusade. We do not envy the man who can read without emotion the story of the faith, and patience, and love, and zeal, and Christ-like tenderness and pity of those noble women—those Deborahs in this holy war—who, amid obloquy, and reproach, and insult, and injury, prayed their way from tavern to tavern, overcoming evil with good, and in multitudes of instances, procuring the close of dens of iniquity and vice. If Professor Tyndall wanted an application of his "prayer-test" he might have found it in the moral miracles which transformed blaspheming publicans into staunch temperance advocates. The names of "Mother" Stewart, Miss Willard, Mrs. Wittenmeyer and others are cherished as household words in many a heart and their noble work is worthily chronicled in this volume. Its circulation will kindle zeal and suggest successful mothers. The book is sold by subscriptions. Intending agents should correspond with the publishers.

*Twelve Months in Madagascar.* By JOSEPH MULLENS, D.D., Foreign Secretary, London Missionary Society. Cr. 8vo. pp. 334. Illustrated, with map. New York: Robt. Carter & Brothers.

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