

LITERARY NOTES.

THE NEW ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. By Arthur T. Pierson, D.D.—Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto. Crown, 8vo, cloth, with maps, \$1.50.

Before Dr. Duff, the veteran missionary died, he frequently expressed the desire that a portion of his bequest should be devoted to the establishment of a quadrennial course of lectures, on some subject within the range of foreign missions. The lectureship was accordingly established by his son. The first course was delivered by Dr. Thomas Smith, on *Medieval Missions*; the second by the late lamented Dr. William Fleming Stevenson, on the *Dawn of Modern Missions*; the third by Sir Monier Monier Williams, the distinguished Oriental Scholar, on *Buddhism*; and this the fourth course on the *New Acts of the Apostles*, by Dr. Pierson. The object is to point out the resemblances and contrasts between missions of the first and nineteenth centuries. Dr. Pierson's style is very well known to Canadian readers, and to a large number is very acceptable. This volume is a fairly representative specimen of his rhetorical peculiarities. It abounds in alliteration, allusion, word painting, and what might be called word-playfulness. We scarcely know how to describe that literary weakness to which Dr. Pierson is so much addicted, and yet, which has its charm to many readers. The title indicates the scope of the lectures. It gives an opportunity for the discussion of any conceivable subject in connection with missions, the Pentecosts, the workers, the calls, the geographical, historical, political and social conditions; the successes, preparations, administrations and transformations—in short it is a compendium of mission literature. Dr. Pierson says in his introduction that he "came not to succeed but to follow" those who had gone before. That is a true estimate of the relation of his work to his predecessors. *The New Acts of the Apostles*, will never stand alongside of e.g., *Buddhism*, by Sir Monier Monier Williams, as to merit, and yet it will be more widely read. It well deserves careful reading. It is full of fresh information on missions from many standpoints.

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