

prairie. This book points out the pathway of inquiry, and directs the student to the works of those who have thoroughly explored the way. It does more. It furnishes "a plan or draft of the science of theology, so that by the help here afforded he can see its exterior lines, the boundaries of its sub-divisions, and can take the whole into the compass of a complete survey." American Methodism is to be congratulated on the production of so complete and scholarly a work. It is admirably arranged, by copious indexes, marginal synopses, and foot-notes, for the purpose of study.

"*A Southern California Paradise.*" 8vo., pp. 142. R. W. C. FARNSWORTH, San Gabriel, Cal. Price, cloth, \$1.00; paper, 50 cents.

This book consists of thirty-one articles, written by twenty different persons, treating of a great variety of subjects, such as history, description, water supply, homes, churches, educational privileges, health, fruits and climate, and answering many and varied practical questions. It is illustrated with pictures of homes, public buildings, natural scenery and historic objects. The Editor is a Methodist Minister, who is also Editor of the *Southern California Methodist Quarterly*. It is gratifying to see Methodism so moulding the future of the Golden State. It is curious to observe the names Canada and Ontario given to places in California. For the invalid this favoured region offers many attractions.

Trafalgar: A Tale. By B. PEREZ GALDOS. Translated from the Spanish by CLARA BELL. Pp. 255. New York: William S. Gottsberger. Price, cloth, 90 cts.

This is the story of the song "Twas in Trafalgar Bay," told by an old Spanish sailor, who in his youth took part in the great epoch-making sea-fight where Horatio Nelson shattered the combined forces of France and Spain. It is

instinct with Spanish patriotism and Spanish pride, dashed with a strong spice of Quixotish Spanish humour. Nevertheless it pays a generous tribute to the genius of "the great Nelson," "the greatest sailor of the age." It gives a graphic picture of life on a Spanish man-of-war—in the fore-castle, in the cabin, in the cockpit, and on the gory deck amid the horrors of the fight. It is a curious study of a mode of warfare forever passed away as completely as that of the dinosaurs and sea krakens of the paleozoic age. Mr. Gottsberger is laying English readers under great obligation by his translations of the cream of the foreign literature of the day.

LITERARY NOTES.

How Sorrow was changed into Sympathy (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.; gilt, \$1.25) is the touching story of the life and death of a little child, by Mrs. Prentiss, author of "Stepping Heavenward." It is especially adapted to bring comfort and consolation to the hearts of mothers bereft of little children.

Truths and Untruths in Evolution is the Vedder Lecture for 1883, delivered before Rutgers College, by Dr. John B. Drury. (New York: A. D. F. Randolph. Price \$1.00). It admits that evolution, regarded as descriptive of a process in nature, may be regarded as a legitimate hypothesis, but nothing more. It points out the many difficulties in the way of its reception as an explanation of life and function, and shows that the evidence is strongly in favour of a limit to the variability of species, and against the Darwinian theory. The geological and other difficulties are discussed frankly and fairly. The lack of transitional forms—missing links—and the inability of the theory to explain nascent organs, as the eye, are pointed out. It is one of the best arraignments of the theory that we have seen.