

writes the preface can hardly have read the book. "It will demonstrate," he says, "what manner of men the great travellers have been from the time of Hanno and Herodotus down to that of Livingston and Stanley." Yet the book only comes down to the close of the 17th century! Even for the period it covers it is meagre, scrappy and unsatisfactory. The wonder is how such a paltry book found such magnificent embodiment. It is embellished with over a hundred fine French engravings, many of them reproductions of old prints and maps. They are by far the most valuable portion. The artist, however, has in places drawn upon his imagination quite as much as the author in his extravagant romances. "A Canadian Landscape," for instance, shows feathery-foliaged palms and creeping plants like those of a tropical jungle.

The Sunrise Kingdom; or, Life and Scenes in Japan. By Mrs. JULIA CARROTHERS. 12mo, pp. 408. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

Everything pertaining to Japan and to Christian missions there will be of interest to our readers. The author of this book has had ample opportunities, during a seven years' residence in that country, to become acquainted with Japanese life and character, manners and customs, and especially with woman's work for woman there. She gives a familiar account of the people and of her intercourse with them, which furnishes fresh evidence of the power of the Gospel to transform that old pagan life, and to recreate in the image of their Divine Master, those who have been all their lives under the benumbing influence of pagan superstition. Among the subjects specially treated are home and school life, holidays and festivals, pictures and books, games and toys, children's books, travelling and pilgrims, worship and superstitions. A personal interest is given to the narrative by the autobiographic vein in which the story is told. The book is very

handsomely illustrated by numerous good engravings of Japanese scenes and incident.

Christian Union Necessary for Religious Progress and Defence. By JOHN F. HURST, D. D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. 8vo, pp. 35. Price 25c.

This is the address of the accomplished President of Drew Theological Seminary, delivered at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance at Basle, in Switzerland, last September. It has been expanded and annotated, and is now a masterly monograph on the important subject of which it treats.

Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, have brought out a new edition of Canon Farrar's "Life and Work of St. Paul," in one volume of 800 8vo pages. It contains all the maps, notes, indexes, and excursions of the large two-volume edition, for just half the price. No student of the New Testament need now be without this invaluable aid to a fuller comprehension of the Acts and Pauline Epistles when this admirable work can be had for \$3. It will be sent post free on receipt of price by the publisher, or by the Methodist Book-Rooms at Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. For a fuller notice of this grand work see the February number of this Magazine.

We have received from Messrs. Phillips & Hunt, New York, the Minutes of the Fall Conferences of 1879 of the M. E. Church of the United States (price 75c.). It makes a closely printed 8vo of 240 pages. It reports 6,711 preachers, an increase of 183; 12,343 Sunday-schools, an increase of 434½—although what *half* a school is we don't quite understand—and 856,858 scholars. The membership reported is 836,703, an increase of 7,720; and church property over \$32,000,000, being an increase of over \$4,000,000. And this, be it remembered, is a report of only about half of the Conferences.