

and gloomy gorges and canyons of the Colorado. The Editor's articles on science and religion, commanded wide attention, and were of great weight and value.

*Christmas Chimes.* Edited by Mrs. E. J. KNOWLES, with Introduction by J. F. HURST, D.D. New York: Nelson & Phillips; Toronto: S. Rose.

The sweet memories and tender associations of Christmas find their appropriate embodiment in song. In this sumptuous volume have been gathered from many lands a choice anthology of Christmas verse, which here exhales its fragrance amid befitting artistic embellishment, like Christmas roses entwined with a garland of holly and mistletoe. The songs of Christmas-tide, which through the ages have rung out their music over the earth, here chime merrily in a sweet carillon. They are prettily classified as Chimes of Promise, Chimes of Peace, Chimes of Sorrow, and Chimes of Joy. A fine taste has presided over their selection. The artistic pencil of Miss Lathbury has sketched a number of beautiful vignette and full-page designs, which have been well engraved. The elegant initial letters and tail-pieces, and the sumptuous binding, make the volume a very elegant and appropriate gift-book for the season.

*Scenes in my I fe.* By MARK TRAFTON, D.D. 12mo., pp. 349. New York: Nelson & Phillips.

Few men have such excellent opportunities for studying human nature, in both town and country, as Methodist preachers. And if they be men of keen observation, and dramatic powers of description, none can write out of their own experiences more graphic life-sketches than they. Dr. Trafton conspicuously possesses these qualifications. This book is a vivid narrative, full of picturesque description and strong local colouring, of life in New England and on

the borders of Canada, including certain missionary raids into New Brunswick. In one of these he refers to his pleasant domicile with Dr. Rice, the father of the energetic and accomplished Principal of the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton. The book gives stirring sketches of the great moral conflicts waging in those days—the temperance reform and the anti-slavery conflict. It is a photograph of a state of society fast passing away, and soon to be brought to memory only by such books as this.

*Summer Rambles in Europe.* By ALEXANDER CLARK. 12mo., pp. 280. New York: Nelson and Phillips.

The Old World—"where every step is o'er a nation's dust"—with its thrilling historic memories, will always have a strange charm for a native of this new continent. Be he American or Canadian, he always feels in going to England, that he is going "home" to the mother of us all. Much of this charm is also felt in reading the narrative of a sympathetic traveller. Such an one emphatically is Dr. Clark, the accomplished editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, Pittsburg. The author was the companion in travel and sojourn of the Rev. David Savage, the associate representative with Dr. Ryerson from the Methodist Church of Canada to the New Connexion and Wesleyan Churches of Great Britain. He pays a deserved tribute to the labours of both in bringing about the recent union in Canada, and to their services in England. Dr. Clark's route led him through some of the fairest scenes of England, Wales, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switserland, and France. The varied scenes of travel are described with vivacity and vigour. For the great majority of us who are denied the enjoyments of foreign travel much of its advantage can be derived from this volume, without any of its discomforts.