

sistent living. The young man whose ministrations were thus signally owned has shown a marked devotion to the work to which his life is consecrated. He is moved to intense earnestness on behalf of his people. He desires to spend and be spent among them. To secure thorough equipment for the work he desires to accomplish, he resolved to visit the United States to receive a more complete training than he could secure in his native land, and to observe the methods of religious work on this continent. Hartune S. Jenanyan came to New York almost penniless, an entire stranger, and unable to speak English. He entered New York Theological Seminary, where, being possessed of good abilities, by dint of indomitable determination and perseverance in a few weeks he was able to follow with intelligent comprehension the instructions of the professors. He soon endeared himself to them and to his fellow-students, and succeeded in enlisting their ardent sympathies in the work that lies nearest to his heart.

It has been resolved to found St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus, in Cilicia, the birthplace of the Apostle of the Gentiles. It is to be an educational institution where a useful education can be imparted to all who desire it; while special preference will be given to the deserving poor and orphans, who would otherwise be deprived of all educational advantages. Though the proposed institute is to be undenominational and unsectarian, it is to be distinctively Christian. The constitution provides that "God and His Word shall be distinctly acknowledged and taught therein, the Scriptures being read and prayer offered at least once every day, and Divine worship held on the Sabbath." It is also designed that practical evangelical work be connected with the Institute. Teachers and Christian students will engage in mission work in the city and neighbourhood as opportunities are afforded, "the chief object being to bring souls to Christ, through the means of teaching, preaching, prayer and enquiry meetings."

A number of influential ministers and laymen, chiefly resident in New York, have taken a deep interest in the proposed institute, and a board of trustees has been appointed with Dr. Howard Crosby as president; Col. Elliott F. Shepherd, of Dr. John Hall's congregation, as vice-president; Walter T. Hatch, treasurer; Daniel W. McWilliams, corresponding-secretary, and Louis C. Winton, recording-secretary. On the advisory board of managers among others are Dr. John Hall, Cyrus Hamlin, William Ormiston, William M. Taylor, R. S. Storrs and others equally eminent. Mr. Moody also strongly endorses the movement. Considerable support is already guaranteed, and it should not be a difficult matter to place the institute on a stable and satisfactory basis at the outset. It is Mr. Jenanyan's intention to leave for his field of labour soon. He is not to go alone. He is to be accompanied by a young Canadian, possessed by a fine enthusiasm for the work for which he has been selected by the Board of Trustees, and to which he willingly devotes himself. Mr. Alexander McLachlan, the gentleman appointed, a graduate of Queen's University, has completed his theological course at Union Seminary, will be the only American in the St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus. Before departing for Asia Minor, these young men may have an opportunity of addressing Canadian audiences on the movement in which they are so deeply interested. If they do so they may be assured of a cordial and encouraging reception. There is something inspiring in the thought that the West is about to give back to the East the educational advantages of the nineteenth century, and the doctrines of grace that Paul of Tarsus proclaimed in the first century of the Christian era.

Books and Magazines.

JUBILEE ECHOES. A Poem in Celebration of the Fifty Years' Reign of Queen Victoria. By Mrs. G. E. Morton. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—The poem has distinctive merits of its own, and its artistic setting is neat, tasteful and beautiful. As a gift book it would be highly esteemed.

ROBERT MOFFAT, THE MISSIONARY HERO OF KURUMAN. By David J. Deane. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—For those who have not the leisure for reading the large biography of the famous African missionary, and for young readers especially, this will be

a most interesting work. The story of a heroic and devoted Christian life is well and simply told, and its perusal will stimulate interest in the work of missions.

THE PEOPLE'S A B C GUIDE TO HEALTH. By W. Gordon Stables, C.M., M.D., R.N. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—Many catchpenny books on practical subjects are pressed on public acceptance simply because people are only too ready to purchase them. This admirable little work does not belong to that class. It is what it professes to be, a simple, straightforward, intelligible guide to health, and will prove itself useful in the household.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH. A selection from his works. With an introduction by E. E. Hale. (Boston: Chautauqua Press.)—The Chautauqua movement has not only done much to create a taste for reading, but it has in a measure begun to supply material suitable for the gratification of that taste. The Garnet series is in every way commendable. This volume, containing selections in prose and poetry from some of the best of Goldsmith's writings, will be greatly appreciated by all who are fond of English literature. Mr. Hale's introduction is worthy of the work.

THE STORY OF THE LIFE OF QUEEN VICTORIA. Told for Boys and Girls all over the World. By W. W. Tulloch, B.D. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—This handsome little volume gives an interesting and plainly written account of her Majesty's career. Its parts are entitled "The Young Girl," "The Young Queen," "The Young Wife and Mother," "Royal Visits and Visitors," "Domestic Events and Public Acts," and "The Queen's Later Life." There are finely engraved portraits, and the work has received careful revision by the Queen herself.

HISTORY OF ENGLAND FOR BEGINNERS. By Amelia B. Buckley. With Additions by Robert H. Labbarton. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co.; Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—Much labour has been bestowed on the preparation of this admirably-condensed history. It is well fitted to give the average reader a full and comprehensive view of the principal events in English annals and the general condition of the English people. The record is brought down to the present time. Coloured maps, chronological and genealogical tables and a carefully-compiled table of contents make it an easy matter to refer to any date or even the reader may desire to verify.

CURIOSITIES OF THE BIBLE. By a New York Sunday School Superintendent (New York: E. B. Treat.)—As a help to young students of the Sacred Book, this work will be found both suitable and valuable. It contains a mass of most interesting Bible truth, systematically arranged, relating to persons, places and things, comprising prize questions and answers, Bible studies and test exercises founded upon and answered in the Bible, including blackboard outlines, seed thoughts illustrated, Scripture emblems and allegories, Bible readings, concert exercises, prayer meeting subjects and daily readings, with many ready reference tables and maps. The volume contains an introduction by Rev. J. H. Vincent, D.D., in which he says: I do most sincerely thank the industrious and ingenious New York Sunday School Superintendent who has compiled the valuable manual of Biblical curiosities now presented to the public.

HENRY WARD BEECHER. A Sketch of His Career. By Lyman Abbott, D.D., assisted by Rev. S. B. Halliday. (Hartford, Conn.: American Publishing Co.)—The prominent position occupied for so many years by Henry Ward Beecher, his great abilities, and being a typical American, render him an object of deep interest. An authentic account of his life and the manner of man he was will be eagerly read by thousands. The present work will go far to satisfy the general desire to gain an impression of the kind of man he was. It is written and compiled by one who knew and loved Mr. Beecher well. The first part of the book sketches the childhood and youth and the subsequent career of the famous preacher. Mr. Halliday, who was so long associated with Mr. Beecher, gives a number of interesting reminiscences. The second part contains analyses of his power and reminiscences by a number of his more prominent contemporaries, while the third part presents the reader with a number of Beecher's characteristic utterances on varied topics. The concluding part chronicles the closing years of the pastor of Plymouth Church. The volume is embellished with a number of finely executed illustrations.

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TRAVANCORE.

A report furnished by students in a Catechists' Class at Nagercoil says:

That Christianity is a religion capable of bettering the spiritual and bodily condition of its adherents is, say the Catechists, clearly understood, not only by Christians, but by many heathen also, as is evident from their words, which we are encouraged to hear not unfrequently. A certain old man, living in a hamlet close to Kottar said: "You need not speak to me anything by way of proving the credibility of Christianity, because I am already convinced of it, seeing the salutary influence it exerts wherever it goes. For example, I know thoroughly well what the state of the Nagercoil Christian village was fifty years ago. There were no buildings, no large bungalows, no good roads. The people were few, poor and ignorant. But now a great change has come over the village, and this is entirely ascribable to Christianity. The people have made rapid progress in number, literary attainments and religious experience. They are second to no caste in Travancore. We ignorant people consider demons, idols and sinful men as our gods, and they keep us down to their own degraded and wretched level. I blush to say our condition is deplorably stagnant; and if there be any movement, it is only retrogressive. Upward of thirty-five years ago a Catechist was working amongst us. But, to our great misfortune, he died of cholera, and no one succeeded him. Had he lived, he would have taken our boys to English schools, and have made good changes amongst us, and thus our moral and intellectual status would have been far better than at present. I will gladly submit myself to religious instruction, if any teacher will come and open a place of worship among us."

There are evidently not a few people who stand aloof, for fear of persecution, from making an open confession of Christ, in spite of their conviction that He is their only Saviour. A young potter of Kottar said: "What you say about Jesus Christ is true and credible. I received my education in one of the mission schools. My days in the school were very happy to me, because of the Scripture instruction I had there. Now, too, I am regularly reading the Bible; and am very desirous to become a Christian, because I believe that Christ is my only Saviour. But what shall I do? See what troubles all the Vadasery Christians are labouring under. I shall also be involved in similar difficulties if I do not take care." We spoke to him that it is not wise to lose the salvation of his never-dying soul for fear of troubles that do not last long. May God give him the Holy Spirit and enable him to decide for Christ in the prime of his youth.

MADAGASCAR—COMPLETION OF THE REVISION OF THE MALAGASY BIBLE.

The past month, writes an Antananarivo correspondent, has been marked by the completion of a work which has been in hand, with some interruptions, for more than thirteen years. On Friday morning, April 29, the committee completed its second revision of the New Testament, and on the following Monday morning the usual service on the first Monday of the month was made a special occasion of thanksgiving to God for the successful completion of this great undertaking. The service was held in the Ampamarinana Memorial Church, which was densely crowded with people. Almost all the Europeans and Malagasy who have taken part in the revision (those at least who are still in the country) took some part in the service. The Rev. W. E. Cousins, who has been the chief reviser all through, and on whom by far the heaviest responsibility of the work has rested from the first, gave an interesting account of the revision work and of those who had taken part in it, and begged the Malagasy not to be too hasty in their judgment as to the merits or demerits of the work when it should reach their hands in its printed form. Messrs. Briggs, Sibrec, Matthews, Baron and Stribling also took part, as well as three or four native pastors; and Mr. Dahle, of the Norwegian Mission, gave a most earnest and appropriate address. Mr. Hewlett, of the S.P.G., was also invited, but ecclesiastical order proved too great a barrier for him to overcome—a fact we all regretted, as he is, without doubt, a faithful and earnest minister of Christ. The result of this meeting, we believe, cannot but be the deepening of the interest of the Malagasy in the Word of God.