

most American schoolboys. As a shrewd, keen negotiator, Webster got ahead of the British diplomat, Lord Ashburton, to the permanent disadvantage of Canada. This monograph will have special interest for Canadian readers. It is prefixed by a striking portrait of the leonine face of the great orator, surmounted by a preposterous tall hat.

"Heralds of Empire." By Agnes C. Laut, author of "Lords of the North." Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

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"Commonwealth or Empire." By Goldwin Smith, D.C.L. New York: The MacMillan Company. Toronto: Geo. N. Morang & Company. Price, \$1.

Professor Goldwin Smith is nothing if not critical. From his wide knowledge of affairs and of history, few men are so capable of wise criticism. He is in sympathy with social and moral reform, and is chivalrously on the side of the poor and the oppressed, the under dog in the fight, and strongly opposed to the recent imperialistic programme of both Great Britain and the United States. He strongly denounces war, and the gigantic trusts, which, under the guise of peace, despoil the poor to aggrandize the rich. But we do not think the world is suffering a moral eclipse. We think that even the war in South Africa and the Philippines will inure to the benefit of both Boer and Filipino, that out of seeming evil God still educes good.

"Bread and Wine." A story of Graubunden. By Maude Egerton King. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. x-191. Price, \$1.25.

This is a tender and beautiful story of village life in the high Alps. It tells of the little rift within the lute

that comes into a peasant family, how it slowly widened, striking the music mute, and causing sadness and alienation, and strife. But again is fulfilled the word, "A little child shall lead them," and husband and wife are reunited in a deep and abiding love. The story is as pure as the air of the mountain-tops. The peasant wife, Ursula, is worthy of the saintly name she bears. In devotion to duty she finds a panacea for sorrow and a spell to keep her soul from sin.

"Systems of Ethics." In three parts. Part I. Theoretical Ethics. Part II. Practical Ethics. Part III. History of Ethics. By Aaron Schuyler, Ph.D., LL.D. Professor of Philosophy and Higher Mathematics, Kansas Wesleyan University. Author of "Logic," "Psychology," etc. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 464. Price, \$1.50.

Dr. Schuyler is well known as a successful author on psychology and ethics. In this book the subject is treated very largely from the historical point of view, discussing the Theist, Intuitionist, Utilitarian, Evolutionary, and Eclectic systems of ethics. It is a work of such importance that we shall place it in the hands of an accomplished writer for fuller review.

"Modern Criticism and the Preaching of the Old Testament." A brief view of theories advocated in Professor George Adam Smith's Yale Lectures. By the Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D. Pp. 32. Price, 10 cents.

Dr. Dewart has rendered invaluable service to the cause of sound biblical criticism by his contributions to such high-class periodicals as *The Bibliotheca Sacra* and *The Homiletic Review*, and by his volumes on "The Bible Under Higher Criticism," and "The Messiah in Prophecy and Fulfillment." In his latest pamphlet he justifies free criticism, but severely arraigns the disintegrating negative or destructive criticism of some of the "new lights" in biblical scholarship. He shows the tendency of the so-called higher criticism is to a denial of supernatural religion, in many cases eviscerating the very life from the Word of God. We commend this thoughtful and scholarly pamphlet to careful reading.