

holder, *Tatler*, *Guardian*, and especially the *Spectator*; and are grouped under the following heads: Mr. Spectator and his paper; Society, Fashion, Minor Morals; Sir Roger de Coverley; Literary and Critical Topics; Morals and Religion. In all of these and especially in the last department we can assure the minister that he will find many sermonic hints, and we can assure him also that for the cultivation and preservation of a pure literary style there are few things that will repay him better than a half hour daily with such a book as this or its companion volume from Goldsmith to which we have already referred.

We should have said that the essays are preceded by a very bright and instructive introduction by Professor C. T. Winchester of Wesleyan University.

CHRISTIAN CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS: *A concise account of the Symbolical Books of the Churches and Sects of Christendom and of the doctrines dependent on them. Translated from the German of G. A. Gumlich, Ph. D., by I. A. Wheatley. Cloth, 15 mo, 136 pp; \$1.00. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company.*

This little book is a veritable *multum in parvo*. In its 136 pages it includes: Part I, on Church Creeds; Part II, on the Doctrines of the Creeds; Part III, on the Doctrines of the most important Sects. Part I begins with a chapter on the origin, conception and authority of the creeds. Then follow chapters on the Oecumenical Creeds, creeds peculiar to the Greek Church, creeds peculiar to the Roman Catholic Church, special symbolical books of the Lutheran Church, special symbolical books of the Reformed Church.

Part II contains nine chapters dealing principally with the doctrines on which the various churches are divided.

Part III, in seven chapters, deals concisely and clearly, first, with the Christological Sects of the Ancient Church; next, with the Sects of the Roman Catholic Church, and so on down to the smaller sects which have arisen in later times.

The work seems to have been done with great impartiality, and there is no doubt that it will be of great value either as a text book or book of reference. A good index adds to its value.

The MONTHLY for January will contain the first of a valuable series of articles on our Foreign Mission Fields from the Inside. It is written by Rev. Donald McGillivray, B.D., on Honan. Similar articles on the other fields will appear at intervals. Arrangements have also been made for reports from the most interesting of our Home fields. The MONTHLY during the coming year will be the best available source of information on the Mission work of our own church, and it is commended to the notice of all who will have any part in arranging Missionary programmes for Young Peoples' and other Societies, as well as to those whose duty it is to prepare address on these topics from time to time.