

The most accomplished scholars have concentrated their study upon the elucidation of the selected passages of the sacred text, and millions of Sunday School scholars and teachers are advancing along the same lines of thought, under the guidance of the best possible instruction. It is one of the chief glories of this movement that it brings the result of the highest scholarship to bear upon the Lesson, and renders accessible to the million what has heretofore been locked up in costly commentaries, which were large for a busy man to read even if he could afford to possess them.

In this book, for instance, is given a conspectus of the opinions of all the great commentators and the results of the latest research on the Lessons for 1880. Its price places it within the reach of almost every one, and it can be mastered by even the most busy. A special recommendation of this book is its numerous and admirable illustrations and maps. These bring the sacred sites and scenes vividly before the eye, and give greater intenseness and accuracy of conception.

Similar in size and price to this work is *Pelouet's Select Notes on the International S. S. Lessons*, which also lies before us; but it is very much inferior in the number and character of its illustrations, and also, we judge, in its general arrangement and mode of treatment of the subject.

*Lovell's Intermediate Geography.* 4to, pp. 104. Montreal: JOHN LOVELL, and all booksellers. Price 65 cents.

The study of Geography, instead of being the dull and irksome task which it often is, is capable of being made a delightful recreation. Lovell's new *Intermediate Geography* goes far to realize this ideal. The type is clear and bold. Its thirty-one coloured maps are remarkably distinct; its forty-one illustrations give artistic representations of some of the most remarkable scenes and products of the different countries of the world; the bird's-eye views,

especially, are exceedingly interesting and instructive. The book is well printed and strongly bound, and is altogether one of the best specimens of Canadian bookmaking that we have seen. As is proper in a Canadian text-book, special prominence is given to the Dominion of Canada. There are excellent maps of the whole Dominion and of each of its provinces, showing their counties and boundaries. We should like to have seen a separate map of Palestine, which would have increased its value to all Sunday-school scholars; but probably it will appear in the *Advanced Geography*, by the same publisher.

*The Young Folks of Renfrew.* By Miss M. E. TANEYHILL, M.A. New York: Phillips and Hunt. 12mo, pp. 229, illustrated

This story is written in the interest of Methodist Missions, and is pervaded with the true missionary spirit—we may almost say missionary enthusiasm. Its reading by our young people cannot fail to inspire a warmer sympathy with the grandest of causes, and to cultivate systematic contribution to its funds. It is the record of a deceased minister's family, of their missionary education and consecration, not only of their careful savings, but, what is far better, also of themselves to missionary work.

*Advice to a Mother on the Management of Her Children.* By PYE HENRY CHAVASSE, F. R. C. S. 12mo, pp. 328. Canadian copyright edition. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

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