

Book Notices.

The United States, with an Excursion Into Mexico: A Handbook for Travellers. Edited by KARL BAEDEKER. 17 maps, 22 plans. Leipzig: Karl Baedeker. Toronto William Briggs. Pp. 616. Price 12 marks.

Baedeker's guide-books are the best in the world. We have practically tested a dozen of them in most of the countries of Europe as well as in Egypt and Palestine. They tell the traveller just what he wants to know, the things best worth seeing and how to see them, the rates of travel and of hotels, cab tariff, and that important feature in Europe, the proper amount of "tips" and fees, and even which side of the train to sit to enjoy the best views. We would travel in no country without Baedeker's guide-books, if such books were in existence. They will save many times their cost in the prevention of fraud, avoidance of mistakes, and in the small economies they suggest.

By a remarkable condensation, into a handy pocket volume is compressed a complete handbook of the United States and Mexico. It gives 108 plans of tours, describing everything of importance *en route*. A funny feature is the glossary of American words and phrases for English readers. It tells all about "scalpers," "limited" and "unlimited" tickets, and all the other mysteries of travel. Two score of folding maps and plans clearly printed in colours enable one to thoroughly "do" any place without local guide. The twenty-two pages of closely-printed index will indicate the fulness of treatment. To complete the usefulness of the book, short papers on American Politics, by John Bach McMaster; Political Institutions of the United States, by James Bryce, M.P.; Aborigines, by O. T. Mason; and special articles on

climate, fine arts, education, etc., are given.

This book is prepared with German thoroughness and accuracy. We are glad to note that a similar handbook for Canada is being prepared and will appear shortly.

Pulpit and Platform Sermons and Addresses. By REV. O. F. TIFFANY, D.D., LL.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

The visits of that silver-tongued orator, the Rev. Dr. Tiffany, to Canada made his presence and eloquence familiar to a very large number of persons. In reading these pages we seem to feel again the spell of his matchless oratory. Each paragraph is clear-cut as a gem and sparkling with genius. The selection from his papers has been judiciously made by the Rev. J. Wesley Johnston and embraces such vital topics as "The Cross," "The New Birth," "The Silence of Christ," "One God in Nature and in Grace," "Jacob's Vision," "Thanksgiving," "Christmas," and similar subjects. The platform addresses are on Abraham Lincoln, U. S. Grant, National Character, and "The Yosemite."

With the great men of the nation Dr. Tiffany had intimate relations, and was frequently the honoured, and sometimes the only, guest at the White House. He gives us interesting incidents in connection with President Grant. When the occupant of the White House he declined to ride to church, giving this reason: "When I was a poor man, long before I ever thought I should have a servant, I made up my mind that if I ever did have one he should have his hours of Sunday for worship. No servants or horses are ever called into use by me upon that day for my personal convenience." Bishop Hurst in his introduction says, "This