

*Kilgarvie.* By ROBINA F. HARDY, Author of "Jock Huldiday," etc. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs.

Any one who has a drop of Scottish blood in his veins will read this book with delight, and even if he have not, he cannot resist the spell of its blended humour and pathos. The pictures of grave Dr. Grierson, the village pastor, and his winsome wife; of the dour and grim mistress of the kitchen; of the honest carrier, Gibbie Gow, and his shrewish wife; the sad fortunes of the "big house," castle Kilgarvie; the austere Lady Lindores; the deeply wronged and deserted Italian wife—magnanimous, devoted, self-sacrificing to the last; and the helpful motherly "Margaret" Oliphant—these are all distinct and valuable additions to our acquaintance with human nature, and with village life in the "Auld Kingdom of Fife." This charming book beguiled for the writer a weary day of illness, and gave an abiding memory of God's providential guidance and overruling that makes us thank the author for her helpful story, and the publishers for the handsome way in which it is presented.

*The Gospel Commentary: A Complete Connected Account of the Life of Our Lord woven from the Text of the Four Evangelists, with Notes, Original and Selected.* By JAMES R. GILMORE (Edmund Kirke) and LYMAN ABBOTT, D.D. Pp. 837. New York: Ford, Howard & Hulburt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.50.

We often lose much of the vividness and life-like colouring of the life of our Lord from our habit of reading it not as a whole but piecemeal, chapter by chapter, isolated from the rest of the sacred text. This book obviates that difficulty by bringing into one connected and flowing narrative the accounts given by the different evangelists of the life of Jesus. A copious selection of notes from several scores of writers make this a very compendious and

useful commentary. Excellent indexes make it more easy of reference.

*The Puritan Spirit.* An Address. By Rev. R. S. STORRS, D.D. Pp. 72. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Publishing Society. Price 75 cents.

This oration is already famous. The handling of the subject by Dr. Storrs was simply masterly. There has been no such an all-round setting forth of the Puritan character. Dr. Storrs' analysis of it is discriminating, as well as eloquent; it is just—not merely laudatory. His portrayal henceforth will dominate our conception of the Puritan. The book has an excellent portrait of Dr. Storrs, and a picture of the famous St. Gauden's statue of the Puritan.

*The One Gospel; or, The Combination of the Four Evangelists in One Complete Record.* Edited by Rev. ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D. 12mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 75 cents.

This is a similar book to that last noted, but without any indication of which of the Gospels the several passages are taken from, and without note or comment. Both books use the authorized version.

#### LITERARY NOTICE.

Dr. Holmes, in "Over the Teacups," in a recent *Atlantic*, talks about modern realism, and says that the additions which have been made by it "to the territory of literature consist largely in swampy, malarious, ill-smelling patches of soil, which had previously been left to reptiles and vermin." After falling afoul of a romance which has been lately quoted by a brother-author as "a work of austere morality," he says, "Leave the descriptions of the drains and cesspools to the hygienic specialist, and the details of the laundry to the washerwoman." Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.