

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The next best thing to the reading of a good book is, perhaps, the perusal of an intelligent review of it—to me it is always a source of lively satisfaction.—Gladstone.

A FAIR NORWEGIAN.—By Andrew Stewart. Cloth, 312 pp., illus., 2s., Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. There is always a steady demand for fiction with a moral and religious basis, and in this book we have a tale of considerable interest with a strongly religious tone. A young Scotch journalist, Hamilton McKenzie, is married to a woman who drinks. Separated from his wife he meets Minnie Olsen, the "fair Norwegian." He is accused of a murderous assault upon a rival and circumstantial evidence goes far to convict him. A visit to Norway brings out the author's knowledge of that country. The tale is interesting and, as has been said, of an elevating character.

THE MIRACLES OF MISSIONS (Third Series).—By Arthur T. Pierson, D.D. Illus., 274 pp.; cloth, \$1, paper, 35c. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto. The third series of Dr. Arthur T. Pierson's "Miracles of Missions" which has just been published, is a book of unusual interest to Christian workers. The records of conversions and marvels which Dr. Pierson has gathered in this volume will be surprising even to those who are familiar with mission miracles. Authentic records are given of wonderful results in many fields of mission enterprise. There are stories of thrilling adventure and missionary heroism in the jungles of Africa, and of hardship and danger encountered among Indian tribes in the Canadian West, each with impressive instances of answered prayer. These strong proofs of the truth and power of Christianity will be a help to many believers at a time when agnosticism and incredulity so frequently threaten the Church. The book will be a welcome addition to the two preceding volumes of this series. It is printed and bound in similar style and illustrated with half-tone pictures.

WHEN SHILOH CAME.—By Ambrose Lester Jackson. Fine cloth, illus., 295 pp., \$1.50. J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., New York. This is a new book written with some brilliancy by a new and hitherto unknown author, who has not only shown ability as an author, but is an artist of no mean ability, having designed the even full-page illustrations in the book. This work will be one of the best selling books of the season, for those who like a tale abound-

ing in the romance and mysticism of an ancient civilization, and those great events in the days before the birth of the Christ. It is bound in the highest style of the book-maker's art, and will prove a welcome holiday gift to all classes of readers.

LEE'S QUESTION SETTLER.—Leather, full gilt, indexed, 50c.; silk paper, 25c. Laird & Lee, Chicago. This is a remarkable little book for the vest pocket and is described as the smallest alphabetical encyclopedia in existence. There are over 100,000 words compressed within 288 pages of well-chosen and well-printed matter, and it is evident that the very latest topics of interest have been included. Among others, are articles on the Transvaal, export of American products, the armaments of nations, the automobile, the European colonial possessions, patent and copyright laws, Dreyfus case, world's production of gold, the Klondike, liquid air, navies of the powers, Parliamentary rules, pension laws, the Philippines, qualifications for voting and the Australian ballot, the popular votes for Presidents (1824-1896), recruiting requirements, interest and discount tables, the X rays, the American trusts, the United States constitution, weather signals, metric and other systems of weights and measures compared, woman's chances of marrying,

etc. Also all latest records—running, pacing and trotting races, railroad and steamship speed, boat-racing, the America Cup, bicycling, football, baseball, pugilism, lawn-tennis, billiards, rules and etiquette of golf, etc.

JAMES HOGG.—By Sir George Douglas. Cloth, 154 pp.; 1s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. This is the latest issue in the famous "Scots Series" of biographies, and deals with the poet Hogg, familiarly known as the Ettrick Shepherd. The outline of the poet's career is given with much taste and good feeling. Included in the volume are short biographic chapters upon Hogg's contemporaries—Tannahill, Motherwell, and Thorn.

ONE OF THOSE COINCIDENCES.—By Julian Hawthorne and others. Cloth, 315 pp., \$1. Funk & Wagnalls, New York. This book is illustrated by several artists of reputation, and the book, in its handsome cover, and with its supply of literary delicacies within, is sure of a welcome far and wide. It is particularly available as a holiday book. The first story is a characteristic tale by Julian Hawthorne. The leading characters are a volunteer in the war for Cuban independence and a nurse in one of the army hospitals. Mr. Hawthorne says there is more fact than fancy in the narrative. Count Leo Tolstoi is represented by a picturesque story of Russian peasant life. There is a clever little character story of army adventures in Porto Rico, by Wolcott Le Clear Beard; an exciting and somewhat pathetic story of the forests of Nova Scotia a century and a half ago, by Charles G. D.



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