

## Literary Notices.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for March contains the following articles: "The Stability of the Earth," by N. S. Shaler; "Aunt Fountain's Prisoner," by Joel Chandler Harris; "Reminiscences of the siege and Commune of Paris," by E. B. Washburne, ex-Minister to France; "Seth Brother's Wife," by Harold Frederic; "The Story of a New York House," by H. C. Bunner; "The Bayeux Tapestry," by Edward J. Lowell; "The Residuary Legatee;" "Father Andrei," the story of a Russian Priest; "Cordon," by T. R. Sullivan. Three of the articles, viz.: "The Stability of the Earth," "The Commune of Paris," and "The Bayeux Tapestry," are finely illustrated, well written, and of lasting worth. If the magazine maintains the high standard of this number it will be a valuable addition to the literature of the day. \$3.00 per annum; 25 cts. per number. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

ABOUT MEXICO, PAST AND PRESENT, by Hannah More Johnson. This book is prepared with a view to giving us in compact form all the principal facts about the past and present of Mexico. It takes us back to the ancient Toltecs and Aztecs, tells us of the Montezuma Kingdom when invaded by Europeans, gives the history of the conquest of Cortez, and traces the sad yet romantic story, through all its chapters, down to the present time. In the closing of the book the Missions to Mexico are sketched, their condition and what they have done. The book is carefully written, the facts having been gathered from the most authentic sources. The engravings add much to the value and interest of the volume. For these the publishers are indebted to the courtesy of the Missouri and Pacific Railway Company. The book is one that young people will greatly enjoy and by which they will be profited. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. pp. 410. Price, \$1.50. MacGregor and Knight.

LENG TSO, the Chinese Bible Woman, by Rev. J. A. Davis, author of "Chinese Slave Girl," to which this is a sequel. The author having been himself a missionary in China, is thoroughly familiar with life and customs in that strange country, and also with the experiences of the missionary and the methods of mis-

sionary work. The present volume tells the story of the life and work of a Chinese Bible woman who went about the country, carrying Christ into the homes of the people. There is a slender thread of romance running through the volume. The book is full of information concerning the country and abounds in realistic pictures. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. 16mo. Price, \$1.25. Sold by MacGregor & Knight, Halifax.

MISSIONARY EXERCISE No. 2, for the use of Sunday-schools and Mission Bands. In the "Introductory Notes" we have useful and suggestive hints on methods of work. The first division gives responsive readings on Praise, Prayer, Giving, and Bible Words on Missions. The dialogues and exercises are arranged for young ladies, boys and little people. The selections for recitation also embrace many subjects suited to the tastes of our mission band workers from the oldest to the youngest. The first book of Missionary Exercises published by the Board is uniform in size and general scope with "No. 2." Presbyterian Board of Publication. pp. 192. 30 cents. MacGregor & Knight, Halifax.

The Rev. James A. Wordon, D. D., has prepared two tracts which will prove valuable, particularly to pastors and sessions. The first is "The Young Pastor's Position and Work in the Sabbath-school." The other is "The Sabbath-school and the Church Session;" their relations as defined by the laws and usages of the Presbyterian Church. The tracts are both published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication. MacGregor and Knight.

### INCOMPLETENESS.

If none were sick and none were sad,  
 What service could we render?  
 I think if we were always glad,  
 We scarcely could be tender.  
 Did our beloved never need  
 Our patient ministrations,  
 Earth would grow cold, and miss indeed  
 Its sweetest consolation.  
 If sorrow never claimed our heart,  
 And every wish was granted,  
 Patience would die and hope depart—  
 Life would be disenchanting.

A law has been passed in Holland, by which 12,000 of the lowest drinking shops have been removed.