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*Sermons Preached in English Churches.* By the Rev. PHILLIPS BROOKS. Pp. 311. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$1.75.

There is a pleasant international character about this book. These sermons by the accomplished Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, were preached in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, and other cathedrals and churches in England. They reveal one of the strands of kinship between the English-speaking peoples on opposite sides of the sea. Stronger than the affinities of race or language, we think, will be found those of spiritual fellowship and unity. Mr. Brooks has shown his fraternity of spirit by preaching at one of the opening services of the People's Methodist Church, Boston. These sermons are clear, strong, plain expositions of practical truth, such as will be welcomed by readers in all the Churches.

*Macedonian Cry: A Voice from the Lands of Brahma and Buddha, Africa and the Isles of the Sea, and a Plea for Missions.* By the Rev. JOHN LATHERN. Pp. 275. Toronto: William Briggs, and Methodist Book Rooms, Montreal and Halifax. Price 70 cents.

Christian missions have brought into being a valuable and instructive literature. To that literature this volume is a most interesting contribution. It describes with vivid pen the heathen systems of the world, the progress and results of

missions, their methods and agencies, and the money problem; and claims the world for Christ. The book is marked by the author's well-known eloquence of style and fervour of spirit. It is a perfect armoury of weapons—facts, figures, arguments and illustrations—for the advocacy of missions. It is an inspiration to flagging zeal, and incentive to greater effort than ever in this grandest of causes. The initial diagram, showing the dense darkness of the heathen world, and the comparatively faint fringe of Gospel light should quicken every Christian soul to redoubled diligence for the world's conversion.

*The Surgeon's Stories. Vol. III. The Times of Charles XII.; Vol. IV. The Times of Frederick I.* From the Swedish of Z. TOPELIUS. Pp. 349, 370. Chicago: Jansen McClurg & Co. Price, \$1.25 per vol.

We had the pleasure of reviewing in these pages the first and second cycles of these Swedish national tales, by the Professor of History in the University of Finland. They have won for him the title "The Scott of the North." The present volumes continue the national story, through some of the most eventful crises of European history. The hero of the first is the monarch who anticipated by a hundred years the valour and disaster of the great Napoleon, and

"Left a name at which the world  
grew pale,  
To point a moral or adorn a tale."

One is brought face to face with the Lion of the North, and follows his eventful fortunes in a page vivid with life and adventure—sometimes almost painfully vivid, from realistic descriptions of camp life.

In the "Times of Frederick I.," Prof. Topelius has drawn a graphic picture of the condition of Sweden in the memorable period succeeding the "Times of Charles XII."—a period of exhaustion entailed by the career of the great warrior. The picture is drawn by the hand of a master. Prof. Topelius' fine descriptive powers, his poetry, and his