

The Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools. By the Rev. A. Plummer, M.A. 1s. St. John. The Second Book of the Kings. By the Rev. Prof. Lumley. 1s. (Cambridge: The University Press.) Being intended for junior scholars, this series of smaller hand-books of the Bible, has been condensed from the "Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges," and the work, we need not say, retains its excellence, the condensation having been performed with skill and judgment.

A Trip to England. By Goldwin Smith, D.C.L. Second Edition. (Toronto: Williamson & Co.) Mr. Goldwin Smith is an engaging writer; the interest and charm of his style is undeniable, and his hand has not lost its cunning in skilfully marshalling facts, and painting word pictures. "A Trip to England" is a pleasant book to read; it well repays perusal were it only for the beauty of its phrases and sentences, and for its cleverness and power.

The Journal of Sir Walter Scott. (New York: Harper & Brothers.) \$2.50. No book was published last year, or perhaps for many years before, which could compare in interest with Sir Walter Scott's Journal, published from the original MSS. at Abbotsford, by Mr. David Douglas. There are not many people who would not like to read it, and enjoy the good, kindly, homely, wholesome words of the great writer and great man, and the timely issue of a popular edition by Messrs. Harper will bring it within the reach of many people.

Popular Astronomy. By Sir George B. Airy, K.C.B., Astronomer Royal. Revised by H. H. Turner, M.A., B.Sc., Chief Assistant, Royal Observatory, Greenwich. (London: MacMillan & Co. and New York.) Sufficient evidence of the value of these lectures, which were originally delivered at Ipswich on Monday evening, March 13th, 1848, and the five following evenings, is given by the fact that the present is the seventh edition. It would be difficult to find a work on Astronomy of equal authority, at once so simple, interesting and comprehensive.

Lessons in English. A Systematic Course of Exercises and Questions in English Grammar. By M. F. Libby, B.A. (Toronto: The Copp Clark Co., Limited). To write a series of papers on English Grammar which should be an aid to those who endeavour to teach the subject in a scientific and logical way has evidently been Mr. Libby's chief aim in preparing this work, which is sure to be appreciated by his fellow-teachers. They will find in it a series of carefully-arranged and clearly expressed questions, with many examples, which will be of great service in actual class work.

1. *Home Making*, 2. *Practical Religion*, 3. *Week-Day Religion.* By the Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work.) So-called "religious" books are sometimes hindrances rather than helps to those who read them. But the three volumes mentioned above need no further recommendation than the name of the author. They are characterized by practical wisdom, incisive and clear-sighted, without the least taint of cynicism. It is the wisdom which is from above. These books, especially the two latter, have been a blessing to many, and we know of none which would be more likely to be of real help, especially to young people.

History of Commerce in Europe. By H. De B. Gibbons, M.A. (London: Macmillan & Co. and New York.) 3s. 6d. Those who read and study history will hear with pleasure of the appearance of this work, which is probably the first attempt to give, in English, a connected-history of commerce. The author divides his subject into:

I. Ancient and Classical Commerce.

II. Mediæval Commerce.

III. Modern Commerce.

And appendices are added on Fifty years of British Trade and Colonial Possessions of Foreign Powers. Maps and an index are also given. We recommend this volume to our readers on account of the information it contains, and the able way in which the subject is treated.