

There is also power in quiet living. There is generally but little confusion connected with deeds of love and mercy. There is the quiet smile, the quiet love-light gleaming in the bright eye, and the quiet handclasp, that mean far more than the babble of many words. The silent prayer is often more potent than the loud tones of supplication. The silent tear means more many times than great demonstrations of grief. Quiet worship may be as acceptable to God as the loud acclamation in which He is glorified. The low, sweet words of encouragement which are whispered in the ears of the penitent one may mean as much to him as the eloquent sermon from the great preacher. So it is in all moral and spiritual life, and it may be well to remember this as we mingle with the great world, and seek to work in the most effectual manner. But in whatever way we work, whether quietly or otherwise God's glory should be the one great object.—Mrs. M. A. Holt in *New York Observer*.

Looks into Books.

PRESSED FLOWERS from the Holy Land. By Rev. H. B. Greene, Boston. I. S. Parker, drawer 2669 Toronto. Price 50 cents.

Nothing more charming to students of the Bible, or in fact to all Christians could be desired than the "Wild Flowers from the Holy Land" collected in Palestine by Rev. H. B. Greene. A large edition of these booklets has just been issued whose main attraction is the real flowers of the most beautiful description, pressed in such a way as to retain their natural color. Every purchaser of this little book will possess a collection of flowers which a few months ago, were growing on the hillside and in the valleys of the land which all Christianity regards with peculiar affection.

THE INSPIRATION OF HISTORY. By James Mulchahey, D.D. 12mo. cloth binding, \$1. Thomas Whittaker, Publisher; 2 and 3 Bible House, New York.

Its title indicates pointedly the purpose of this book; which is to put the inspiration of the Bible in its true historical light, and to test the questions relating to it, which have been raised in modern criticism, by reference to the principles of historic certitude. The first chapter, which is purely introductory, is a discriminating description of the question of historical certainty in general, and brings out explicitly the tests by which the truth of history is demonstrated. In the following chapters these tests are skillfully applied for determination of the historical truth of divine revelation. The book is intended for general reading, and we have great confidence, not only that it will prove to be of pronounced interest to such readers by the importance of the subject and the author's clear thought and lucid style, but also that it will take and hold a prominent place as a contribution of positive value and stimulation to Christian thought and belief.

A DAILY THOUGHT FOR A DAILY ENDEAVOR. A Christian Year Book of Courage and Good Cheer. Compiled by Eleanor Amerman Sutphen and Eliza Polhemus Sutphen. Published by The Baker and Taylor Co., 5 and 7 East Sixteenth Street, New York. 16mo, cloth, gilt top. Price \$1.25.

The compilers' purpose has been to prepare for the morning of each day a brief message of helpful and uplifting thought, designed not only to lighten the day's task, but to inspire the worker to that lofty effort which finds expression in Holmes' line:

"Build thee more stately mansions, oh my soul."

The book suggests the richness of our literature in inspiring thought, and the compilers' taste in its selection and assignment to appropriate days. Members of Christian Endeavor Societies will find this book in line with their thought and work.

Read in October Magazines.

PRINCETON after one Hundred Years. By Winthrop M. Daniels, in "Review of Reviews."

The Expenditure of Rich Men. By E. L. Godkin, in "Scribner's Magazine."

The Blue Quail of the Cactus. By Frederic Remington, in "Harpers Magazine."

JOHANNA AMBROSIIUS. By Frank Sewall, in the "Bookman."

About French Children. By Th. Bentzon, in the "Century."

HISTORICAL Military Powder Horns. By J. L. Sticht, in "St. Nicholas."

The Minister of St. Bede's. By Ian MacLaren, in the "Ladie's Home Journal."

SOME Beginnings in Science. By Prof. Cobb, in "Popular Science Monthly."

MISSION FIELD.

Meeting of Foreign Mission Committee.

The F.M.O. (W.D.) met on the 19th and 20th Sept. There were present Mr. Hamilton Cassels (Convener), Prin. Grant, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. Moore, Dr. A. D. McDonald, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Warden, Dr. McTavish and Messrs. Anderson, L. H. Jordan, D. Currie, J. G. Shearer, M. Johnston, D. K. McKenzie, A. Bartlett, A. Jeffrey, J. R. McNeillie, R. P. MacKay.

A medical certificate was read from Dr. W. P. Caven, favorable to Dr. J. Fraser Smith's appointment to India. It was accordingly agreed to appoint Dr. Smith as Treasurer of the Central India Mission, and in the meantime to take chaplaincy at Mhow while acquiring the language.

On account of the deficit the Committee cut down the estimates for the work in India by 25 per cent. Several letters were read from missionaries describing the severe loss to the mission entailed by this action. Schools that were open for years were closed and native helpers dismissed, and other work arrested. The Committee whilst feeling that no other course is possible in the present state of the funds, agreed to acquaint the Church with the facts.

Dr. Buchanan appeared before the Committee and pleaded the cause of the Bheels. The Committee authorized him to appeal to the Church for \$5,000, in order to erect necessary buildings for that work.

Mrs. F. H. Russell, at Dhar, has been seriously ill but is now convalescent.

The heat in India has been exceptional this year—being 107° in the shade, and nearly all our missionaries have suffered, but the health of the staff is again generally good.

The mission in Honan is greatly injured by the interference of Roman Catholic priests. It is said the Roman Catholic emissaries have no success in Honan amongst the heathen, but they come amongst the enquirers of the mission who have begun to see the importance of Christian doctrine, and by misrepresentation and bribery win them over. Chinese are so poor that few of them can resist a bribe at any stage. The missionaries are troubled but not in despair.

Mr. Goforth has been seriously ill but is better. The mission in Honan is saddened by the death of Margerie, Dr. McClure's child of seven months. She was greatly beloved by all. Dr. and Mrs. McClure will have the prayerful sympathy of the whole Church when this fact becomes known.

The mission in Formosa is still in trouble. Many of the chapels are still occupied by Japanese soldiers. They are often insolent and disturb the congregations needlessly. Much damage has been done to church property.

Rev. Kenneth MacLennan who has visited Japan on account of Mrs. MacLennan's health reports that in Japan the outlook is not as bright as before the war. Success seems to have turned the heads of the Japanese.

The next Ecumenical Foreign Mission Conference is to be held in New York in the year 1900. Arrangements are already in progress.

Mr. John Ross has been appointed to take charge of the day school at Alberni. Miss Armstrong who is at present teaching at Alberni will take charge of the school at Uchuelet.

Dr. Warden in presenting his financial statement reported that no legacies had been received this year leaving an indebtedness at this date of \$34,468.79. Unless there is a large increase in the gifts of the Church there will be a larger deficit this year than last notwithstanding the cut of 25 per cent. on the estimates from the fields.

Do the people of the country know of the work that is being done for the Indians at the Carlisle Industrial school? But it is a grand work which will tell in future years. This school has just had its commencement exercises, and they tell the story of what is being accomplished. Certainly, the one fact alone that there are here upward of 800 boys and girls of an alien and savage race, striving as best they may to learn the secret of the white man's civilization, is enough to stir the most sluggish imagination. Let us note a feature or two. There is the outing system, and its success has been phenomenal. Immediately after the commencement a number of the boys and girls of the school are put on farms throughout Pennsylvania for the spring and summer. There is a steady demand for them as farm helpers, and, as a rule, those who thus employ them are quite ready to repeat the experiment. The advantages to the Indian boys and girls of being thus surrounded with the influences of a Christian home are great. They learn how white people live, and at the same time are able to earn a little money for themselves—about \$18,000 in the aggregate each season. Instances like these could easily be multiplied. There are girl graduates of the school earning from \$12 to \$25 as stenographers. —*Christian Work*.