

book consists of a series of discourses on some of the proverbs of Scripture, and is full of vigorous and valuable thought and counsel.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY. New Illustrated Edition. Roy. 4to., 1,840 pages, sheep. Springfield: G. & C. Merriam. Toronto: *Adam, Stevenson & Co.*

Though England may furnish us with marvels in the way of cheap and popular school lexicons, still, for a work which shall be to the scholar, the writer, and the educationist all that they require, and be the accepted "standard" of the language, we have to turn to the States; and this new edition of "Webster"—manmoth in its proportions and vast in its scope—is the very "marvel" of lexicography. Minute and exhaustive in its information, accurate and comprehensive in its references, authoritative in its derivations and etymology, and most copious in its references and vocabulary, the work is simply invaluable, and a perfect *store-house* to the English student.

MY OWN STORY: A Canadian Christmas Tale. By "Grodenk." Toronto: *A. S. Irving.*

It is pleasing to notice any attempt to add to the literature of our country, and more pleasing still to be able to announce the success of that attempt. "My Own Story" is a purely Canadian

production; the author is a Canadian, and occupies a prominent position on the editorial staff of one of our leading dailies; the scene of the tale is laid in Canada, and the work was printed and published here. It must be confessed that publishing anything in the shape of light literature in this country is a rather risky undertaking. In nearly every instance the publisher has lost money by the venture. We are glad to hear, however, that "Grodenk" has succeeded in covering the cost of publication. The story has had a fair sale, and it certainly deserves the popularity it has secured for itself. It has its defects to be sure, but on the whole it is a readable and interesting book, and a creditable addition to our home literature.

GROTE'S HISTORY OF GREECE. From the earliest period to the close of the generation contemporary with Alexander the Great. New and cheap edition, with maps and plans, in 12 vols., post, 8vo. (Vols. 1-4.) London: John Murray. Boston: *Little, Brown & Co.*

We have but space to call attention merely to this popular re-issue of Mr. Grote's important and scholarly History of Greece. To the student and to men of but limited means, the boon is incalculable to be supplied with the standard histories of our day at so inexpensive a figure.

SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS.

IN BIOGRAPHY, we have to chronicle the appearance of several interesting works of late, viz.: *The Home Life of Sir David Brewster*, by his daughter, Mrs. Gordon—the narrative of a life of laborious industry in the walks of science, which will have many readers we are sure. *The Life of Mary Russell Milford* is a contribution, in the shape of letters to her friends, to our acquaintance of the prominent characters of the last fifty years, full of interesting reminiscence. Dr. Bence Jones' *Life and Letters of Faraday* tells the story of the career of one of the greatest observers and discoverers of his time. It is replete with interest not only in its scientific information, but in its narrative of a genial, kindly, and hard-working life. We also note the *Life of Dr. Robert Lee*, Minister of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh, by the Rev. Robert Story; *The Life of Rev. Dr. Jas. Lamilton*, by the Rev. Wm. Arnot; and *The Life of the late Rev. W. C. Burns, Missionary to China*, by Professor Islay Burns, D. D., of Glasgow—all of which have been very favourably received, and are in large demand.

IN HISTORY AND TRAVEL, there have appeared Mr. Francis Parkman's historical narrative of "The Discovery of the Great West," a work of special interest to readers on this side the Atlantic. Bell's "New Tracks in North America" and Chester's "Transatlantic Sketches in the West Indies, South America, Canada, and the United States," are further contributions illustrative of life, scenery, and incident in America; while the attractive features of life in the south of Europe are discoursed on in the following: Cox's "Search for Winter Sunbeams in the Riviera, Corsica, Algiers, and Spain;" Dr. Bennet's "Winter and Spring on the Shores of the Mediterranean," and Mr. McGregor's "Rob Roy Canoe Voyage on the Jordan and Waters of the Nile, etc." Mr. Leckey's "History of European Morals," and Mr. Froude's concluding volumes of his "History of England from the Fall of Wolsey to the Defeat of the Spanish Armada," are two important additions also in this department.