

We found afterwards that a small piece of cloth, a few yards, was given each woman who answered to the roll-call during the year. A helper near the door gently seated one woman who attempted to go out, in a chair at her side. At this defeat all the women laughed like children, and she, finding it useless to attempt to leave, went back to her bench. A shinning black woman, with a sleeping baby in her arms, tried the same plan, but she, too, was restrained in the same way. We are told that, if one had been permitted to go, all others would have followed in a noisy manner. After roll-call the teacher made a brief prayer, and they were dismissed. In a conversation with the teachers, as we walked back over the Moslem burying ground, she said that sometimes a woman was so repulsive that she had found herself taking the opposite side of the room in a recitation to avoid her, and she knew that she must overcome the feeling to do her any good. Improvement and mutual



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attachment followed the changed attitude of the teacher.

What can be done to lift these women above these degraded conditions of living; to save them from the dirt and ignorance and enslavement in which they exist? No mere environment can reform. If the Turkish government were to change its policy and become less tyrannical, less corrupt, less grasping (I speak of it in these diminishing terms, because I believe that no positive good can be expected from a government with such fundamental religious and political principles), even then we have not gone back to the cause of woman's degradation in these eastern countries.

In oriental countries woman is bought and sold, married early and divorced at the arbitrary wish of her lord and master. The story of bluebeard and his power of life and death over his wives is paralleled in many eastern households. We saw the typical venerable murderer in Beirut, where his history was known. His gray hairs and flowing beard made him a stately picture as he walked in his garden in the cool of the day; but his imperious manner was evident to us, his near neighbors, who overlooked the direction of his household from the balcony above. He had had three wives, and they, with a step-son, who stood between him and his last wife's property, had been mysteriously murdered, as it was understood, by his agency. He had been tried for murder each time, but Turkish justice, as is well known, is bought and sold, and he had the money of his wives. Divorces are so easily obtained that it adds another element of uncertainty in the life of woman.

Nineteen centuries have nearly gone since Christ taught that not might nor power, but spiritual force should prevail in the establishment of the kingdom of heaven; yet even now we are prone to measure men and women by the old standards. It is where the Christian

spirit is recognized, where the standard that Christ raised is most closely followed, where his teachings are studied and practiced, that woman is elevated, that her recognition as having rights of property, of independence, of voluntary helpfulness, are growing into established facts.—*The Biblical World*.

## LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

A most interesting chart of the journeyings of Christ has been prepared by C. E. Arnold, M.A., and published by John D. Wattle & Co., Philadelphia at the low price of 20c. It will be remembered that Mr. Arnold published last year a chart of Paul's journeys which attracted much attention and met with large sale. The chart just issued combines an outline of the harmony of the Gospel story of Christ's journeyings. Four clear maps of those journeys are printed and so arranged that the whole compact sequence of journeys, places and events can be seen at a glance. The whole is contained in a neat cloth cover, convenient for the pocket.

The third volume of the *Miscellanea* of the late Dr. Thomas E. Peck of Union Theological Seminary Virginia has just been received from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication Richmond. It is a neat book of 421 pages which is sold for \$2.00 and completes the set, which forms a permanent memorial of a man who evidently made a deep impression upon the numerous generations of students that received his instructions. Posthumous publications of this kind are apt, however, to be somewhat like tombstones, of little use save to commemorate the dead. This is hardly an exception. The greater portion of this volume is taken up with his class notes on the Acts. As these were mainly written thirty years ago one does not expect them to be up to date now. There are many excellent and stimulating remarks on particular verses. But the whole critical problem of the book is ignored throughout and there is little appreciation of the historical situation, or of the movements of thought within and without the Apostolic church. The proof reading seems to have been done by some one who had only a slight knowledge of either Latin or Greek. The former pupils and personal admirers of the author, who alone can be expected to buy a work of this kind, will, however, gladly forgive such blemishes as are found.

WEeping FERRY AND OTHER STORIES. By Margaret L. Woods. Price \$1.25. London Longmans, Green & Co. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co. Limited.

This interesting collection of four stories is the latest edition to Longmans' Colonial Library, and follows very much the same style as its predecessors. The incident of "Weeping Ferry" is laid in Holland and reflects very truly the peculiarity of the Dutch personality.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RECITER. By Bertha M. Skeat, Ph.D. Price 2s. 6d. London, Longmans Green & Co., Toronto Copp, Clark, Co. Limited.

Miss Skeat who was late lecturer of the Newnham College and the Cambridge Teacher's College, is a graduate of Zurich, from whence she obtained her degree. Her introduction deals very fully with the system of public reading and reciting and points out the difficulties under which the present system of education labors in passing over this very important part of a child's education. The book contains specimens of various styles selected from some of the best known authors, and includes both poetry and prose. The work should be found of great assistance not only to the teacher, but also those who are interested in the study of fluency and gracefulness upon the platform.

HOUSEHOLD SEWING WITH HOME DRESS MAKING. By Bertha Banner. Price 2s. 6d. London, Longmans, Green & Co. Toronto, Copp Clark Co. Limited.

This little work seems to be very comprehensive, covering a large area in the art of sewing. It contains 153 pages exclusive of a comprehensive index, and is divided into ten chapters covering the full range of the subjects treated upon from the plain stitches of the beginner to the concluding chapters of dyeing materials, dress-making and finishing in a professional manner.

Our esteemed contemporary *The Presbyterian* of Sydney, New South Wales, reaches us in a new dress, and a modernized form. The pages are now almost identical in size with those of *THE REVIEW* and with the new type and re-arrangement of Departments it is an up to date journal. We wish our friends in the antipodes a long and prosperous career.