

BOOK NOTICES.

LAY SERMONS, ADDRESSES, AND REVIEWS. By T. H. Huxley, LL.D., F.R.S., &c. London: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co.

Simultaneously with the appearance of the expensive English edition of these lectures of Dr. Huxley, Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. (having made arrangements with the English publishers) issue a popular inexpensive edition for the Canadian market; and we feel sure that those who appreciate at its proper value the eminent services of Professor Huxley in popularizing science, and in his sound, manly, and earnest way, directing the attention of the masses to the importance and value of scientific culture, will hail this native edition of these famous lectures with considerable satisfaction. As a clear-headed exponent of scientific thought, and as an interesting and popular instructor in human physiology and the departments he has made his own,—free from all prejudice, and imbued with a deep reverence for the subjects he so skillfully expounds, Professor Huxley, at the present day, stands prominently out, and the prominent position he has assumed among scientific men in England has been gratefully and readily ceded to him.

The Essays and Lectures in the volume before us, are fourteen in number, and they are alike notable for the interest in their various subjects, as well as the ability with which they are treated. The papers on a Liberal Education, on Scientific Education, the Physical Basis of Life, &c., &c., are full of instructive thought, and the opinions expressed are at all times worthy of high consideration. Many passages we would desire to extract, but we regret that our space forbids this, and we are but able to call attention to the work, which we trust, all may procure and read.

FEATHERS FOR ARROWS. By Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. London: Passmore & Alabaster.

This daintily got up and highly useful volume is a collection of illustrations for preachers and teachers, original and collected, from the pen of the popular London divine, Mr. Spurgeon. The illustrations are racy, fresh, and suggestive, and will prove invaluable aids to the young preacher who recognizes the importance and effectiveness of interesting his audience by a thoughtful and

happy illustration. In connection with this excellent volume of Mr. Spurgeon's, we might call attention to two kindred works which are but too little known to clergymen in Canada, and which may now be readily had of the booksellers—we refer to *Bate's Cyclopædia of Illustrations*, published by Jerrold & Sons; and *Bowes' Illustrative Gatherings*, published by Nisbet & Co.

RICHARD COBDEN'S SPEECHES ON QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY. Edited by the Right Hon. John Bright, M.P., and Prof. Rogers, 2 vols. with Portrait. London and New York: Macmillan & Co.

In our last number we mentioned the announcement of the above valuable work, which is now issued in excellent style, uniform with Mr. Bright's Speeches. We cannot speak too highly of the book, and predict without hesitation a demand sufficiently large to amply remunerate the enterprise and labour of those to whom we are indebted for this great service to all lovers of modern English history and theoretical and practical political science. The name of Richard Cobden is almost as well known in this country as in England, and as the champion of Free-trade, his views are sure to meet with as many adherents on this side of the water as ever supported him in the mother-land. The work is particularly adapted for young students of politics, who aspire to think correctly, and who seek to obtain a mastery over that species of rhetoric which produces most permanent effect on an English audience. Clearness of statement, sureness of facts and invincible self-possession are the main characteristics of Mr. Cobden's oratory, and anyone that makes himself acquainted with his writings cannot study them without benefit, as well as gain a vast amount of information both instructive and entertaining. As a main feature, we notice these volumes have the advantage of exhibiting in connection with each other Mr. Cobden's views on a large number of very different topics. The effect is to show at once the clearness and unity of his mind, and also to illustrate a truth now-a-days much forgotten, that the main dogmas of the Liberal creed really hang together in such a way that any sincere and intelligent advocate of one will be an equally sincere and intelligent advocate

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