

titles of a few of their recent issues, which furnish the ammunition for effective service in this grand work: The Prohibitionist's Text-Book; Prohibition Does Prohibit; Philosophy of Prohibition, by Prest. John Bascom; Prohibition, Constitutional and Statutory, by Hon. John B. Finch; Prohibition: For and Against, by Dr. Dio Lewis and Hon. J. B. Finch; The Prohibition Songster, compiled by J. N. Stearns—a stirring campaign song-book; the National Temperance Almanac; Law and the Liquor Traffic, by F. A. Noble, D.D.; High License the Monopoly of Abomination, a sermon by Dr. Talmage; the Delusion of High License, by Dr. Herrick Johnson; the Heredity of Alcohol; the Philosophy of the Temperance Movement; High License vs. Prohibition, by J. N. Stearns, Prest. of the State Prohibitory Amendment Association. These, as well as all the other issues of the Society, are sold at a very low price; and pastors and all friends of the cause could help it on in no way so effectually as to help to put them into extensive circulation.

Rand, McNally & Co. "Manual of Biblical Geography," by J. L. Huribut, D.D.; with an Introduction, by J. H. Vincent, D.D. Price \$4.50 in cloth. The volume is a superb one, so far as paper, letter-press, and profuse illustrations, of a high order of merit, are concerned. It contains maps, plans, review charts, colored diagrams and views of the principal cities and localities known to Biblical history, which not only embellish but also explain and enforce the text; and this gives particulars about the Ancient World and the Descendants of Noah, the Conquest of Canaan, the Empire of David and Solomon, the Isles of Greece and the Seven Churches, the Life of Christ, the Great Oriental Empires, the Tabernacle, the Temple, and many more equally important subjects. Dr. Huribut is associate editor of the International Sunday-school Lesson Commentary, and superintendent of the normal department of the Chautauqua Assembly, and a valued fellow-worker with Dr. Vincent, who has written the Introduction, and who says that it is meant, specially, to furnish the knowledge necessary to the conduct of classes for the study of Biblical history and geography, such as some pastors have started. But we are confident that it will be welcomed by a much larger circle of students, and is worthy of very general use; indeed, we recall no similar work of equal worth. It combines Bible geography and history, and covers the whole period of sacred history from the earliest period to the present date. It will prove an invaluable aid to every pastor, Sunday-school teacher and Christian student.

Rand, Avery & Co. "Self-Support, Illustrated in the History of the Bassein Karen Mission," by C. H. Carpenter, with an Introduction by Alvah Hovey, D.D. This is a work of remarkable interest and value, not only as a history, but also an argument based on the facts in favor of the "self-supporting" policy in the work of missions. It covers a memorable pe-

riod—from 1840 to 1880—in the history of Baptist Asiatic Missions; in the former part of which there "were heart-burning differences between the missionaries and the officers of the Missionary Union, as well as between the missionaries themselves, in relation to the policy which should govern the missions." The whole story of trial and triumph is here told with admirable tact and temper. The staple of Mr. Carpenter's book are the letters and reports of Mr. E. L. Abbott and Mr. Beecher, leading missionaries for a long period of years of the Bassein and Karen Missions, and arranged by him with telling effect. As a narrative of missionary work, sacrifice and success, it is, in some of its features at least, thrilling. The story of the fortitude and suffering of the Karen martyrs of Bassein amidst fiery persecutions, and their victory over death, is told without exaggeration and yet with dramatic effect. Such a narrative is refreshing, as showing that Christianity, when put to the test, has lost none of its primitive power to overcome the world and sustain Christians in the fiercest conflict.

As bearing on the policy which should govern the missionary work of the Church, this book deserves special attention. This policy is as yet by no means a settled question. Christian missions have been conducted on opposite principles for half a century. In the majority of missions the policy is that of depending principally upon support drawn from the Church at home; while the policy adopted by the Moravians, by Bassein and a few others, is that of "self-help from the outset, with an early arrival at local support for all native preachers and all primary education." Is it not time that this question were settled? Is not the Church's experience of seventy years in various fields and in every possible condition sufficient to determine what is wise and best? Is there no one of sufficient candor, skill and discernment to subject this mass of experience to the crucial test, and give us the needed light on this vital point? Mr. Carpenter's book is an admirable beginning.

Phillips & Hunt. "College Greek Course in English," by William Cleaver Wilkinson. This book is the third of a series of four volumes devised on a novel plan for making possible, through the English language, a certain degree of culture in Greek and Latin literature. The previous issues were, Preparatory Greek Course in English, and Preparatory Latin Course in English; and the present volume will be followed by a College Latin Course in English. The plan is admirably conceived, and the success of the volumes already before the public is an indication that the public approves it. The preparation of such a series of books could not have fallen into more competent hands. Prof. Wilkinson's ripe scholarship, his thorough knowledge of the Greek and Latin Classics, and his wide experience in teaching them, eminently qualify him for the service. And we doubt not that thousands of persons, male and female, who have not enjoyed the advantages of a collegiate education, will have occasion to thank him for a partial knowledge of the rich mental treasures locked up in these ancient tongues, through the medium of these books.