

## Book Notices.



HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ.

"On the Field of Glory." By Henryk Sienkiewicz, Author of "Quo Vadis," etc. Translated from the Polish by Jeremiah Curtin. 12mo. Decorated cloth, \$1.50. Little, Brown & Company, Publishers, 254 Washington Street, Boston. William Briggs, Toronto.

A new tale by the author of "Quo Vadis" is an event of more than ordinary interest. By special arrangement with Mr. Jeremiah Curtin, who has received from Henryk Sienkiewicz the exclusive right of translating all that author's works into English, Little, Brown & Co. have published a new historical romance of great power and interest, by this great Polish author, entitled, "On the Field of Glory."

The scenes are laid in Poland, and the period is the reign of the famous King John Sobieski, just before the Turkish invasion in 1682 and 1683. Sienkiewicz has woven a wonderful romance of great brilliancy and strong character drawing, and in no book by the author of "Quo Vadis"—a story whose sale has not been equalled by any modern work of fiction—has he displayed his great genius more strikingly.

In "On the Field of Glory" he tells a charming and tender love story of remarkable intensity, and gives the reader

acquaintance with characters not inferior in vigor and interest to those of the great trilogy. The complete work is presented for the first time in this translation by Mr. Curtin, whose intimate acquaintance with all the Slav languages is famous, and whose mastery of Polish and remarkable power in interpreting Sienkiewicz have received world-wide recognition.

The recent Polish struggles for freedom, ruthlessly crushed by the massacre of Warsaw, lend a deeper interest to the story of their heroic prince. The book is dedicated to Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Sienkiewicz, by the way, has recently been awarded the Nobel literary prize of nearly \$40,000.

"The Authority of Christ." By David W. Forrest, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo, pp. xvii-437. Price, \$2.50.

This is a book which discusses the very first principles of the Christian faith—the true nature of Christ's authority over us in all that relates to our religious belief and our personal conduct. This is the problem which the Abbe Loisy says has been "la vie et le tourment" of the Church. Important chapters discuss the recognition of Christ as the Incarnate Son, Christ's Authority on Individual and Corporate Duty, and on Human Destiny. "The abiding claim of Christ to our allegiance," says our author, "is that He and He alone, by His life and pre-eminently by His death, has fully disclosed to humanity the redemptive purpose and the redemptive action of God. The adoption of the Spirit is the indispensable correlate of the historical incarnation. The measure in which we shall comprehend the true authority of Christ will be in proportion as we keep life on all its sides, intellectual as well as moral and spiritual, true to the highest."

"James: the Lord's Brother." By William Patrick, D.D., Principal Manitoba College, Winnipeg. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xii-369.

The character and writings of James,