

Broken Purposes, but Answered Prayers: A Record of Jehorah's Loving Kindness; and of Sweet Surprises in His Service. By ANNA BOOBYER. London: Marshall Bros. Toronto: William Briggs.

The life and labours of George Muller have wonderfully emphasized the power of prayer. But many other workers for God have had similar experiences. Many of these are described in this little book. It abounds in illustrations of the goodness of God in hearing and answering the prayers of his people. Nothing will more confirm the faith and strengthen the confidence of God's people than a clearer conviction that God is the hearer and answerer of prayer.

The Free-Trade Movement and Its Results. By G. Armitage-Smith, M.A., Victorian Era Library. London: Blackie & Son. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

Few questions are of more present and permanent interest than the one treated in this book. It comes home to every man's pocket, and affects some of the largest interests and relations of mankind. The writer is a thorough-going free-trader. He is convinced of the policy of the "open door" in commerce, for which Britain stands, and believes that its general adoption would make for the peace of the world. He emphasizes the fact that the welfare of one nation is closely bound up with that of its neighbour's—a doctrine which in these days of eager political and commercial rivalry needs to be clearly set forth. At the same time, the writer deals with the subject in the scientific spirit and fairly states both historical facts and arguments.

The bulk of the book describes the progress of the free-trade movement and its results during the reign of Queen Victoria. But the restrictions of trade and the efforts at tariff reform before the Queen's reign, are concisely outlined. The stirring story of the Corn Law repeal, one of the greatest economic, and even moral, movements of the century, is told with fresh interest. The glorious history of British trade is something that stirs the pulses with a patriotic pride. Instead of political economy being the dismal science, in the hands of Mr. Armitage-Smith it becomes a subject of fascinating interest.

In these days of bread riots in Spain, in Italy, in Austria, threatening the overthrow of dynasties, these economic questions demand and deserve closest

attention. Yet the conditions of these countries are much akin to those which obtained in England before the repeal of the Corn Laws. Ebenezer Elliott's pathetic Corn Law rhymes express the indignation and the pathos of the great movement to obtain cheap bread for the poor. They but reiterate the sentiment as old as the wise law-giver of Israel, "He that withholdeth the corn the people shall curse him." The following is a specimen stanza from Ebenezer Elliott:

"'Child, of thy father dead?'
 'Father is gone!'
 'Why did they tax his bread?'
 'God's will be done!
 Mother has sold her bed:
 Better to die than wed!
 Where shall she lay her head?
 Home we have none.'"

Faces that Follow. By MRS. E. M. MASON. Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Illustrated. Price, \$1.00.

We had the pleasure of reading in manuscript the chapters of this remarkable book. We were profoundly impressed with the keen insight into character, the happy descriptive touches, the earnest religious spirit of its sketches. A vein of genius and a fine sense of humour run through it. It contains the most tremendous indictments of some of the sins of the age we have ever read, and some of the most touching pathos. It is an addition of distinct value to our Canadian literature. The wife of a Methodist preacher, if she have the "seeing eye," has ample opportunity for studying the many aspects of church life, church work and church social relations. But to very few is it given to portray these with such incisive pen. Our clever Canadian cartoonist, Mr. J. W. Bengough, has caught the very spirit of these sketches in the numerous etchings by which they are accompanied.

Gold for the Klondike; or, God's Message to the Miners. A Daily Portion for Each Day in the Month. By REV. T. MASON. Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

We did not know that there was so much about gold and gold getting in the Bible till we read the manuscript of this little book. It is a nugget in itself, just the thing for busy men who are seeking gold in the mine, the field, the forest, or the forge.