The Family Circle. By H. L. Hastings, Boston, Mass. Price 50 cts.

This is a book of religious anecdotes and illustrations, many of which might be made quite useful by Sunday school teachers and other instructors of devout things. While the eager desire of Sunday school teachers for stories to tell their children is to be deplored on the grounds that an unhealthy desire is liable to be created among the children, which in time becomes a master passion difficult to deal with. Still, a judicious anecdote told occasionally to illustrate some good solid teaching is most valuable, and Mr. Hastings' little book gives many short stories that could be used in this way.

The Review of Reviews. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

In the "Progress of the World" department of the April Review of Reviews, the editor comments on the change of administration at Washington, on the tariff bill, and other measures before the extra session of Congress, and on President McKinley's diplomatic appointments; the Greco-Cretan situation is carefully reviewed, and other recent developments in foreign politics are treated with the thoroughness and impartiality to which the Review's readers have grown accustomed. The editor of the Review of Reviews passes suggestive comment on the latest phases of the Greco-Turkish question. He holds that the only reasonable solution of the Cretan difficulty is to place Crete definitely in the keeping of Greece. His theory is that Russia is playing a waiting game, and that the other and the control of great powers are playing into her hands. The Review reproduces a portion of the Athens Ephemeris of recent date containing war news and comment printed in modern Greek, together with several striking cartoons showing the Hellenic point of view.

(1) The Sunday at Home, (2) The Leisure Hour, (3) The Boys' Own Paper, (4) The Girls' Own Paper, (5) Sunday Hours for Boys and Girls. The Religious Tract Society, 56 Paternoster Row, London, E.C.

Among the many interesting things in the Sunday at Home for April is a brief article by Jean A. Owen on "Some Family Recollections," being glimpses of life in · the last century, chiefly as regards John Wesley and the early Methodists. Methodism struggled into existence and maintained itself chiefly by the small yet systematic offerings of the members. Some wag defined tennate oftenings of the members. Some wag defined to see "a penny a week, a shilling a quarter, and a desire to see from the wrath to come." This proved a capital educator, however, in the matter of giving. The Leisure Hour has a frontispiece taken from the western prairies, "On the trail of the Buffalo." In the Midland sketches, Kidderminster, the famous carpet-town is described, with numerous illustrations. The Society is keeping up its Sunday Hours for Boys and Girls to its usual creditable standard.



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