

hero and a publisher's friend. The Landfall is published by Damrell and Upham, of Boston, and bears date 1892. No student of early American history who wishes to have in his possession the most recent literature on the subject of the Norse voyages, should be without a copy of this elegant and admirable work. It is dedicated to the memory of Carl Christian Rafn, author of *Antiquitates Americanae*. By the way, our Canadian Custom House laws are infamous. No friend can send me his book through the post, even though it be privately printed and not for sale, without the Custom's Harpy making me smart for it. This is simple robbery.

The *Sunday School Times* keeps up its wonted reputation, gathering information of interest from many quarters. Its issue of January 9th has an article by Dr. Hilprecht on Hezekiah and Sennacherib according to the Cuneiform Inscriptions, which, however, really contains little more than what is furnished in *Records of the Past*. The Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd contributes *Reminiscences of Work in Newfoundland*: and another page contains a reference to a remarkable discovery by Professor Krall, of Vienna. On unwrapping a mummy of the age of the Ptolemies, the Professor found a strip of linen with several hundred lines of writing, which is neither Egyptian nor Greek. The identity of several words with words found in Etruscan inscriptions furnished the clue needed, but, as the Etruscan documents are as yet undeciphered by European scholars, the clue is of little value. Still, it is of interest to know that writers of the Etruscan character dwelt in the land of the Pharaohs, as they certainly did in Asia Minor and in the Island of Lemnos. In a letter received from Biarritz, some ten days ago, I learn that M. Henri O'Shea, vice-president of the British Club, has been discussing, with the lately received member, Mr. Gladstone, the interpretation of Etrusco Umbrian documents given by Dr. MacNish and the Talker. The *New York Evening Post* of the 23rd, has a review of Kennan's *Siberia*, and clippings from various American newspapers relative to the religious, chiefly Presbyterian, controversies raging in the United States. It is a mistake to suppose, as many do, that these controversies are injurious to the cause of missions and vital religion. On the contrary, they are advertising Christianity far and wide, so that there is hardly a paper or magazine of any note, which does not set before its readers articles on religious thought, almost all of which treat evangelical Christianity with becoming respect. Genuine revival meetings, bible classes, conferences upon the evidences, and similar assemblies, were never better attended, and there is no hint that mission work and mission funds show any diminution, owing to discussions that have in view a firmer grasp of Biblical as contrasted with Scholastic, Theology.

