

Book Notices.

The New Era ; or, The Coming Kingdom. By DR. JOSIAH STRONG, author of "Our Country." New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 400. Price 75c.

Dr. Strong's former work "Our Country" has reached the enormous sale of 160,000 copies. His present work is of wider range, and is of still greater importance. It discusses some of the most momentous problems of the age. The present time, says Dr. Strong, is a period of transition of preparation. Great social, economic, political, and religious changes are imminent. During this century, 800,000,000 of heathen have been brought within the reach of Christian civilization.

Dr. Strong discusses the progress of society, the destiny of the race, the preparation of the world for the establishment of the kingdom of God, spiritual, by the Hebrew; intellectual, by the Greeks; physical, by the Romans. But the grandest contribution is made by the Anglo-Saxon, which is moulding the future after the highest and most noble ideal. Dr. Strong discusses also the causes and extent of popular discontent. The problem of the city and of the country, the separation of the masses from the Church, The Mission of the Church, and The Necessity of Co-operation.

A Merchant Prince. Life of Hon. Senator John Macdonald. By REV. HUGH JOHNSTON, M.A. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 222. Illustrated. Price \$1.00.

In this volume are gathered up the lessons of a noble life. It is fitting that such a conspicuous example, not only of commercial success, but of the well-rounded character of Christian statesman and philanthropist should be put on record for the study of young men. The subject of this volume was, we think, a much more remarkable man than

the subject of William Arthur's famous biography of the "Successful Merchant," and the record of his life here given, is not unworthy of comparison with that famous book; and we can give it no higher praise. Mr. Macdonald was not only possessed of the executive ability for managing a large business, he had also rare gifts as a writer in both prose and verse. He took an intense interest in everything that concerned the welfare of Canada and of the world, and he carried his religion with him, not merely into the counting-house, but into his place in Parliament, and in the assemblies of his fellow men. He was under great obligations to Methodism for his early development and he served it faithfully throughout his life. As a member of successive Annual and General Conferences, the Ecumenical Conference, Hymn-book and other committees, and as late Treasurer of the Missionary Society, he laid the connexion under great and permanent obligation. His comprehensive philanthropic gifts are a perpetual memorial of his large-hearted, Christian charity. The book is interesting as a novel, abounds in incident and illustration, and should find a place in every Sunday-school and Epworth League library.

More about the Mongols. By JAMES GILMOUR, M.A., arranged from his diaries and papers by RICHARD LOVETT, M.A. London: Religious Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs.

In a recent number of this magazine we gave an account of the remarkable career of that heroic and devoted missionary, James Gilmour of Mongolia, "Our Gilmour," as the Mongols lovingly called him. The story of his life is one of the most fascinating in missionary biography. The London *Spectator* describes him as the Robinson Crusoe of missionaries and the Daniel Defoe of mis-