

## LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

**TELL THEM, OR, THE LIFE STORY OF A MEDICAL MISSIONARY.** By George D. Dawkontt, M.D. Illustrated. Price 60 cents. New York, Office of the Medical Missionary Record.

"Tell Them" is a thrilling and pathetic recital of a life through which the Lord's guiding love runs like a silver thread. A great preacher once said: "We want some books of men who have struggled and who still live and labor for the good of their fellow-men. We already have enough books in which the good boys and girls died young. Such a book is 'Tell them; or, The Life of a Medical Missionary.'" It is full of thrilling incidents in the life of a poor newsboy, who went to sea; had marvellous experiences and deliverances; became a physician; has been a medical missionary over twenty years; and is now training others to "Go and do likewise." It contains 256 pages, 25 illustrations, and 50 chapters.

**TODD'S NEW ASTRONOMY.** By David P. Todd, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Astronomy and Director of the Observatory, Amherst College. Cloth, 12mo, 500 pages. Illustrated. Price \$1.30. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati and Chicago.

This new astronomy is designed to meet the present requirements of schools and students for a practical and scientific text-book in this important and most interesting study. Of the author's ability to write an ideal work on the subject, which should be at once simple, scientific, practical, and interesting, there can be no question. In addition to his former work in the U. S. Astronomical Observatory at Washington, and as Director in the Amherst College Observatory, he is well-known to the public as leader of two solar expeditions, one to the west coast of Africa, and one to Japan.

By placing more importance on the physical than on the mathematical facts of astronomy, the author has made every page of the book deeply interesting to the student and general reader. While mathematical results are given, the beauty and interest of the study are not obscured by unnecessary mathematical processes. Questions of universal interest, such as "Where does the day change?" "Where will the sun be overhead at noon?" "Where does the Southern Cross become visible?" "What are meteors?" "What is the difference between the sidereal and the solar day?" etc., receive special attention in the treatment.

The illustrations are an important feature of the book. Many of them are so ingeniously devised that they explain at a glance what pages of mere description could not make clear.

**THE STORY OF JOHN G. PATON;** told for the young, re-arranged and edited by Rev. James Paton. Cloth. Price 50 cents. London, Hodder & Stoughton, Chicago and Toronto, Fleming H. Revell Company.

The thirty years of the Rev. John Paton among the South Sea cannibals is too well-known to our readers to require any lengthy description. His brother in his preface to this work explains that "ever since the original edition appeared in 1889 he has constantly had it upon his mind that a young folks edition would be highly prized. The whole has been recast and rewritten with the addition of a few fresh incidents, making it a most interesting and instructive work for young people, and cannot fail to interest them deeply in missionary life. The type is clear and the illustrations, including the portrait of Dr. Paton, are exceedingly good.

**THE PRIDE OF JENNICO.** By Agnes Egerton Castle. Price \$1.25. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited, 1898.

The hero of this most excellent and interesting story belongs to an English family, descended from King Knut and Plantagenets and Stuart, and he enters into possession of a great German estate through a granduncle. He gets married to a lady in a very remarkable manner, and it suffices to say that in that marriage more mistakes than one were involved. What these were we should a little spoil the interest of the story by telling. The efforts of the hero to find his lost wife, and the dangers he encountered in the attempt make a very thrilling part of the story.

**HOW TO PAINT MATT, BRONZE, LA CROIX, DEERSKIN COLORS AND GOLD TO CHINA.** A Practical Elementary Hand-book for Amateurs. By Adelaide H. Osgood. Cloth. Price 75 cents. New York, Osgood Art School Company.

This valuable little work has already secured a very large sale among those interested in China Painting. It contains a large number of useful illustrations. The main object in the author's mind is the solving of the difficulties attending the application of imitable colors to china, the methods suggested being based upon long and practical experience. It is so written that it is readily understood by amateurs and beginners, and at the same time is sufficiently practical to be of great value to those who are proficient

in the art. The publishers also deal in all sorts of artists supplies, and have recently issued from their head-office, 12 E. 17th St., a very delightfully illustrated catalogue.

**PIONEER PRESBYTERIANISM IN TENNESSEE** is the title of a neat little volume published at 60 cents by the Richmond Committee of Publication, giving a number of addresses delivered at a Presbyterian rally during the Tennessee Exposition in October last. They make inspiring reading. Our co-religionists in the South are evidently not ashamed of the past record of their Church and they do well to keep that record before the public. Senseless boasting of course does little good in the long run, but Presbyterians are apt to be altogether too modest about themselves. Though, of course, these addresses have somewhat of a local character they are of interest to Presbyterians everywhere,—and perhaps for others too.

## MAGAZINES.

The number of Littell's *Living Age* for March 26th completes the 216th volume of this most admirable Eclectic Magazine. The table of contents for the volume shows that almost every department of literature, science, and art have received a fair share of attention, and that the best articles of the English magazines have been included, while extracts have been given from many American periodical publications and books. The magazine is now issued at \$6.00 a year.

The *Preacher's Magazine* for April is largely an Easter number containing sermons and outlines on the Resurrection and kindred subjects from a large number of well-known preachers on both sides of the Atlantic, including Canon Gore, Joseph Parker, Mark Guy Pearse, Dr. B. B. Tyler and others less known. \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketchum, New York.

The April publications of Messrs. Partridge & Co. are to hand. The three juvenile papers, viz., *The Infant's Magazine*, *Children's Friend*, and *Band of Hope Review* are, it is only necessary to say as interesting as usual. *The British Workman* has an interesting article on "Fighting the Famine in India," by F. M. Holmes. "Some Easter Thoughts," by Mark Guy Pearse is the most attractive article in *The Family Friend*; while "A Missionary Hero," by Captain Gardiner in *The Friendly Visitor* will be read with much interest.

*Harper's Round Table* for the coming six months will contain as many interesting short stories, entertaining descriptive articles, humorous anecdotes, verses, and sketches as have appeared in the first six numbers of the present volume, and each number will contain, in addition, an instalment of each of the following two stirring serial stories: "The Copper Prisoners," by Kirk Munroe, which begins in the May issue, is doubtless the best story that ever came from the pen of this popular author. Woven in with the main plot of the story is a pleasing romance, and in addition to the fiction part of the work there is much valuable information, pleasantly imparted, about the methods of mining copper ore; "The Adventurers," by H. B. Marriott Watson, which was begun in the January number of the *Round Table*, has now reached a point in its course where it may justly claim to be one of the most interesting and absorbing stories of treasure trove that has been written of recent years. Among the shorter stories and articles will be: Narratives of Travel and Adventure, "Wanderings in Central Asia," by Cyrus C. Adams, and "Why the Natives did not Fight," by Henry M. Stanley. A few other articles which may well be mentioned are: "College Customs," by Richard Barry; "Forgotten Books for Boys," by E. D. Beach; "The United States Secret Service," by Gustav Kobbe; "Fire-Fighting in a Great City," by J. Parnly Paret; "How to Stop Leaks in Boats," by A. J. Kenecaly; "The Snipe and Snipe-Shooting," by R. Gourlay. Some short Story Titles: "The Troop that Was Not" by F. L. Pollock, a story of the recent war between the British and the Dervishes in Upper Egypt; "The Lost Voice," by F. H. Spearman; "A Frontier Patriot," by Edith Carruth; "A Dark Night's Work," by Owen Hall; "An Overrated Pirate," by Rowan Stevens; "In Trinity Backs," by W. E. Barlow, has its scene laid at Cambridge University, England, and is based on a plot to destroy the college library; "The Major's Music-Box," by W. S. Rosener.

The Macmillan Company announce the publication in four quarterly volumes, commencing in October, of the *Encyclopaedia Biblica*, a dictionary of the Bible. It will be edited by the Rev. T. K. Cheyne, M.A., D.D., Oriel Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture of Oxford, and formerly of Balliol College, Canon of Rochester, and J. Sutherland Black, M.A., LL.D., assistant editor of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.