

BOOK NOTICES.

Swiss Letters and Alpine Poems.

By the late FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL. Pp. 356. New York : A. D. Y. Randolph & Co. Toronto : Wm. Briggs. Price 75c.

Few writers of her time, probably no writers of her sex, have had so wide a range of readers as the late Miss Havergal. Not less than a million copies of her various books have been sold, and multitudes who have never seen her books are familiar with her beautiful hymns which have sung their way around the world. The present volume gives a charming glimpse of her character in her hours of recreation and rest. They are the record of several holiday trips to Switzerland. They reveal her keen appreciation of the sublime and beautiful in nature, her manifold accomplishments, linguistic and musical, and her untiring zeal in Christian work among the peasant populations of foreign lands. A strong will sustained a feeble frame. When she sets out on some of these trips she was unable to walk more than a mile or two. Before she returned she could do her twenty miles a day of mountain travel, climbing peaks over 11,000 feet high, setting out in the morning at four, three, or even half-past one o'clock, to watch God's revelations of the sunrise among the mountains. An unsuspected vein of humour is revealed, and this sweet singer is actually not incapable of a pun, as where she speaks of a certain Alpine Valley where four gorges met, which was perfectly gorge-ous in fact. The many friends of Miss Havergal will be glad to have this latest memorial of her life.

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The book cannot fail to quicken missionary zeal, and will prove an armoury of weapons and an arsenal of ammunition for carrying on a vigorous missionary campaign. We trust, in view of the deep and widespread interest now manifested throughout Protestant Christendom in the evangelization of the world, that this book shall have an extensive sale among the friends of missions in all the Churches. All the profits of the sale shall be devoted to the object of promoting the interest of missions in such way as the judgment of the Adjudicators, representing the Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Congregational and Methodist Churches, shall decide.

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