

and a Buddhist priest pronounced a glowing eulogy over his body. "No private citizen ever died in Japan," says his biographer, "whose loss was so widely and so deeply felt as that of Mr. Neesima."

This book 'gives a glimpse, as it were, into another world, into the very heart of Japan; a glimpse of its aspirations, of its capabilities, and an augury of its marvellous development in the near future. The quaint expressions and quotations from native poetry lend a pleasing charm to this biography.

*A Beautiful Land; Palestine Historically, Geographically and Pictorially Described and Illustrated; As it Was and as it is Now; Along the Lines of our Saviour's Journey.* By JOHN FULTON, D.D., LL.D., with introduction by Right Rev. HENRY C. PORTER, D.D., LL.D. Quarto volume, pp. 652. Price \$3.75. New York: T. Whittaker 2 & 3 Bible House. Toronto: William Briggs.

There is an undying interest connected with

"Those holy fields,  
Over whose acres walked those  
blessed feet,  
Which, eighteen hundred years ago,  
were nailed  
For our advantage to the bitter  
cross."

From the days of the Empress Helena and St. Jerome there has been a ceaseless stream of pilgrims to those sacred scenes; and throughout all Christendom, millions of devout students, who can never hope to see the Lord's land, are endeavouring to realize to their minds the physical aspects of the country and the environment of the life and labours of our Lord. For such students the present volume has been prepared. The great works on Palestine have been laid under tribute, and the author has endeavoured to summarize the history and vivify the associations of the sacred sites of Palestine, and especially to identify them with the walks and talks of Jesus. By the study of this book,

with its fifteen maps, over three hundred engravings, and a large folding panorama of Jerusalem, one could become almost as familiar with Jerusalem and Palestine as if he had visited it in person, and can have a much better conception of the historical and biblical associations than would result from the rapid and careless mode of travel of many tourists in the East.

*After-Touch of Wedded Hands.* By HANNAH B. MACKENZIE. Price \$1.75. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs.

This very reputable house makes a specialty of bringing out high-class religious stories. They are the original discoverers of "Annie S. Swan," whose books are such favourites, and whose "Alderside" elicited the high praise of Mr. Gladstone. This is a tale of Scottish life of pronounced religious character. The following extract will indicate some of its features, and its graphic delineation of character:

"Mr. Guthrie," said Mr. Home, solemnly, fixing Morgan with a glassy eye, "I think ye've made a grand mistake in entering the Church o' Scotland as a minister o' that Church, an' ye've made another as t' your duty in it. The clergyman we want here is one who will be looked up to, by a respectable and Christian congregation, as an example to it in all things, no an evangeleezin' preacher to the masses. I hope we have always endeavoured, to the best o' oor ability, to help the poor and deserving; for the rest, there's a mission hall and a fire-and-brimstone preacher, who will frighten them out o' their evil ways if anything can. Nae clergyman in Dalzell Parish has e'er set out on the tack ye have dune, Mr. Guthrie, an' ye'll find it is a kind o' relegion that will not be tolerated by your flock. I am speaking in your ain interests; I tell you plainly, the beggarly elements o' conversion an' repentance an' free-grace are no what's required here. For your own sake, give up all this rhodomontade o' lost and perishin'