

papers are the "Botanic Gardens at Kew," "Artificial Honey" and "Recent Glacial Work in Europe."

*Our Little Ones* for May is as attractive as ever. An especially good picture is "Bananas." The short stories and poems are all interesting and suitable.

*The Overland Monthly* for May received.

*The Children's Guide*, published by David Balsillie, Edinburgh, presents a most attractive appearance and will be welcomed by children; the high standard insures a good reception.

*Littell's Living Age* for 10th of May contains the conclusion of Herbert Spencer's article "On Justice." "King and Minister," a midnight conversation (*Contemporary Review*), is an able paper on the present state of affairs in Germany. "Marcia" and "Sons and Daughters" are the continued stories. Interesting papers on "Dancing in Nature," "A Surrey Home," "Poets and Puritans," and poetry conclude the number.

(1) *The Life of Jesus Christ*. (2) *The Life of St. Paul*. By the Rev. James Stalker, M.A. (New York: The American Tract Society.)—In six brief chapters the author gives an account of the life of our Lord upon earth, and although the world has many books upon that life this is not superfluous. For a short, easily-comprehended account of this is, indeed, perhaps the best of them all. Those interested in Bible-class and Sunday-school work will find a use for it. The author shows not only learning, skill and taste, but spiritual wisdom. Dr. Lorimer, of Chicago, contributes a good introduction. The other volume, in about the same compass, presents the facts and surroundings of the life of the great apostle in a powerful and interesting narrative. The deep and luminous thoughts of the writer and his sympathetic treatment of his grand theme have made this such a work as can hardly fail to attract and help those into whose hands it may fall.

*Macmillan's English Classics*. (1) *Shakespeare's Macbeth*. Edited by K. Deighton, Fellow of the University of Calcutta and Allahabad. (2) *Milton's Samson Agonistes*.

Edited by Professor Percival, of the Presidency College, Calcutta. The familiar volumes of the English classics continue to appear with welcome regularity. "Macbeth" is one of the best volumes of the series, and, as the play is frequently prescribed for special study, will probably be among the best known. Speaking of both volumes, we have little to add to what we have already said of previous numbers of the same series. But Mr. Percival's introduction should not thus be passed over. It includes a masterly analysis of Milton's style, his classical and Shakespearian idioms, etc. The notes are comprehensive and well adapted for the use of students.

*A Short History of the Roman People*. By Professor W. F. Allen, of the University of Wisconsin. (Boston: Ginn & Co.)—The general histories by President Myers, and the late Professor Allen, which have already been used by many teachers and students is being republished in separate books, of which the above is one. It is intended to replace Part II. of "Myers Ancient History," but is not at all a mere repetition of the matter there presented. It is characterized by completeness and breadth of view and is interesting in style.

*The Nursing Record Series of Manuals and Text-books*. No. 1. *Antiseptics in Surgery*. By E. Stanmore Bishop, F.R.C.S., England. (London: Sampson Low & Marston, Searle & Rivington.)—The great discovery that the healing of a wound or incision depends largely upon keeping it "surgically" clean is the topic of this text book, composed of lectures delivered to nurses at the Ancoats Hospital, Manchester. The instruction and directions are so thorough, clear, and plain, that many who have no direct professional duties will gain from the book valuable additions to their general information and not a few hints about what to do with the slight wounds and scratches which sometimes develop into troublesome sores.

*Pitt Press Series*. *A Short History of British India*. By E. S. Carlos, M.A. (Cambridge Press.)—Within the space of one hundred pages we have compressed an