

One of the largest mass meetings which the present writer ever attended was held in the Music Hall, Philadelphia, and is reported at great length. The addresses of General Wagner, Colonel Bain, of Kentucky, Rev. James McCleary, President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of North America, and Miss F. E. Willard, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union were worthy of the occasion.

This Memorial Volume deserves an extensive circulation. Statesmen and philanthropists especially would do well to make themselves familiar with its contents. It will be a standard volume in temperance literature for many years to come.

*Evolution: A Scotch Verdict.* By CHARLES F. DEEMS, LL.D. New York: J. W. Lovell & Co. Price 20 cents.

In this admirable little book, Dr. Deems, who was himself a fellow-student with Huxley, critically examines the evolution theory in the light of the testimony of the vegetable and animal world, both palæontological and living, and in the light of language and instinct and molecular physics, and renders the Scotch verdict—not proven. He exhibits the weak points in the theory, the manifold difficulties it involves, and the missing links to be supplied. "It is not," he says, "either a religious or a sentimental question, but a purely scientific one," and he asserts that "the very moment evolution is proved, the theologians will be able to show that it stands in harmony with all theology worth preserving." Nevertheless he shows that the deliberate verdict of many of the ablest scientists of the day is "not proven."

*The Mormon Problem.* By the Rev. C. P. LYFORD. 12mo. 325 pages. Price \$1. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs.

The above work is the result of thirteen years' study and careful research, four of which were spent as a missionary in Utah. It is intended

as a concise and exhaustive analysis of the real issues involved in the Mormon question. The author brings a heavy indictment against the colossal fraud and iniquity of Mormonism. An appendix contains four original stories of Mormon Life, and an authentic and detailed account of the Mountain Meadow Massacre. These strike us as rather sensational and not possessing the weight of the historic narrative by which they are preceded.

*War and Peace.* The Invasion, 1807-1812. By COUNT LEON TOLSTOI. Translated by CLARA BELL. Two volumes, pp. 321-270. New York: W. S. Gottsberger. Toronto: Williamson & Co. Price, paper, \$1.00; cloth, \$1.75 per set.

We reviewed a short time since the first two volumes of this remarkable series. Of that work no less than two or three rival editions have appeared. The present volumes present, from a Russian point of view, a panorama-like story of the world-shaking conflict between Napoleon Bonaparte and Russia. In Napoleon is identified the mystical beast of the Apocalypse. The work gives a striking picture of many phases of Russian life and character. Additional interest is given it by the recent work of its distinguished author entitled, "My Religion," in which he accepts as the literal rule of life and standard of national as well as individual equity, "The Sermon on the Mount."

*Lorenz Alma Tadema: His Life and Works.* By GEORG EBERS. From the German, by MARY G. STAFFORD, with thirteen illustrations. New York: W. S. Gottsberger. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

This is a book of remarkable interest. Ebers, who is one of the first of living critics, classifies Alma Tadema as the first of living artists. He sketches his life and describes his greatest works. Of several of these good wood engravings are given.