

chapter. That on the History of Scotland is by Mrs. Oliphant, and has 233 closely printed pages. That on Germany is by Miss Kroeker, and is of 250 pages of larger type. Mrs. Oliphant apologizes for coming after Sir Walter Scott with his *Tales of a Grandfather*, but nevertheless, succeeds admirably, giving a very fair and interesting account of Scottish history, including that of the Kirk. Miss Kroeker also has written a lucid epitome of the history of Germany, of course from a Protestant standpoint; but one feels, in her case, even more than in that of Mrs. Oliphant, that an attempt has been made to chronicle too many facts, so that the fulness of detail which children love in the narration of heroic deeds is necessarily wanting. A student might easily cram for examination on either of these books, which is not what a child's history is written for. Mrs. Oliphant's frontispiece is Mary Queen of Scots; that of Miss Kroeker is Martin Luther; but perhaps the publisher found it convenient to use the two plates, without reference to the wishes of the authors. It is a way publishers have.

Mr. Chapman's last book is *Our Colonies and India; How we got them and why we keep them*, by Cyril Ransome, M.A., Oxon. This thin, red covered, hundred paged, thirty-five cent volume is published by Cassell & Co., of London. It contains four lectures, originally delivered to an audience of working men in the People's Hall of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society. Mr. Ransome is professor of modern literature and history in the Yorkshire College, Leeds, and seems to know his work, which is more than can be said of all professors. He makes out a very strong case for the British Colonies, and has drawn from Professor Seeley the following commendatory words: "I sincerely hope that your book will have—not a large, but—an immense success. It conveys in the plainest, most intelligible words, some truths about the Empire, which I regard as all-important, and which I wish to see impressed upon the mind of every individual, high or low, in the country." Professor Ransome does not know all about the colonies, nor