

tive that makes his readers in an unusual sense his companions in travel. What gives special value to the book, however, is the two hundred engravings from drawings specially made by the author for that purpose. The mechanical appearance is worthy of very high commendation—the broad margin, artistic arrangement of the text and cuts, the gilt top, and unique binding, demonstrate that one need no longer go to New-York or Boston for first-class publishing.

Eclectic Physical Geography. By RUSSELL HINMAN. Pp. 382. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., Cincinnati and New York. Price \$1.00.

Physical geography is one of the most delightful of studies. The examination of the forces which have brought the earth to its present condition, and of the causes of the phenomena of the universe cannot fail to be in the highest degree interesting and instructive. The book before us gives in concise form the results of the latest investigations on this science—a science which is always extending its boundaries. Yet the book is sufficiently lucid in its explanations to be easily understood by any intelligent reader.

The author has availed himself of the aid of the ablest professors of the United States Signal Service and Geological Surveys, and of Harvard and other Universities. He discusses first, the relations of the earth as a planet to the solar system, its movements and their effects on the atmosphere, as the potent cause of so many of the changes of both sea and land. The nature, movements and effects of "the great and wide sea," and the story of the land as told in the phenomena upon and beneath its surface, are then clearly and forcibly treated; then the effects of weather and climate and the various forms and distribution of life. One thing we note with special approval is the devout and reverent spirit in which the book is written. It is prefaced with the motto, "Show me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me

Thy paths," and each chapter is headed by an exceedingly appropriate passage of Scripture. The scientific value of the work is attested by the endorsement of some of the highest authorities in the world, as the Royal Geographical Societies of London and Edinburgh. The book is copiously illustrated, and has a number of excellently coloured maps.

Faith Made Easy; What to Believe and Why. A popular statement of the doctrine and evidence of Christianity in the light of modern research and sound Biblical interpretation. By JAMES H. POTTS, M.A., D.D. 8vo, pp. 546. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe. Toronto: William Briggs.

In these days when the very foundations of the faith are audaciously attacked, it is well to examine the evidences of those eternal verities "which are most surely believed among us." Dr. Potts brings to his task an unflinching faith in the oracles of God, a broad acquaintance with both apologetic and sceptical literature, a lucid mode of dividing and illustrating his subject, and great cogency of argument and felicity of illustration. The book might well be called, like Dr. Mulford's, reviewed in another page, "an institute of theology." It will be to many a bulwark against the assaults of unbelief and a confirmation of "all that Jesus began both to do and to teach."

Dr. Potts discusses, first, what to believe concerning Christianity and the Bible; then what to believe concerning God and redemption, concerning prayer and the Sabbath, concerning the Church and Christian duties, and graces, and the future state. It will be seen how comprehensive is the scope of his argument. Scarce a phase of Christian thought is omitted. The treatment is as broad and catholic as the sweep of the subject. Dr. Potts would be the last to admit that the study of such a large and exhaustive volume was necessary to a saving faith; but to meet objections and defend the truth against