

for the use of children from four to ten years old, and others more advanced are to follow. Not a great deal of prose is given, but the book on the whole is an excellent one for the purpose. We observe some remarkable statements about British soldiers on page 185.

Pitt Press Series. An Atlas of Commercial Geography. By John George Bartholemew. (London: C. J. Clay & Sons.)—This is, in every sense of the time-honoured expression, "a new and beautiful" atlas. Besides valuable Introductory Notes by Mr. Hugh Robert Mill (whose work on Commercial Geography we had the pleasure of reviewing some time ago), we find in the volume twenty-seven maps fully illustrating by a most ingenious system of colouring and diagrams nearly everything one can think of. Here is a map coloured to show the diseases peculiar to certain countries (Canada has no colour at all), and here another to show the leading religions, others show the leading races, the degree of self-government, the railway, steamer and postal routes, the density of population, the rainfall and tides, the height of land and depth of sea, the mean annual snow fall, etc., etc. We consider this a most useful atlas.

A First Latin Verse Book. By W. E. P. Pantin, M.A. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)—In the preface the author explains the plan and amply justifies the issue of another book on Latin verse. It is a *bona fide* book for beginners, and the greater part of it has been in actual use for more than a year.

Dr. John Brown and His Sister Isabella. By E. T. McL. (Edinburgh: David Douglas.)—An intimate friend of Dr. John Brown and his family has written a brief memoir of him which she modestly calls "outlines," and has at the request of her friends allowed it to be printed. It will be a great pleasure to all who know anything of that sweet and wise spirit to read so natural, simple and charming a sketch of him and of his sister. Delightful anecdotes enliven the "outlines," which are all too brief.

The Lily Among Thorns: A Study of the Biblical Drama entitled The Song of Songs. By William Elliot Griffis, D.D. \$1.25. (Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—Many Hebrew students and critics are now strongly of opinion that "The Song of Songs" was not written by King Solomon, and that it is not an allegory but a dramatic story intended to describe and exalt the pure and true affection of a humble maiden and her lover, as contrasted with the sensual love and extravagant life of King Solomon. This view is strongly presented by Dr. Griffis in a series of studies characterized by learning and piety.

William Cullen Bryant. By John Bigelow. "American Men of Letters Series." (Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) 1890. \$1.25.—Mr. Bryant's old comrade on the editorial staff of the *Evening Post* has written his biography, and the book is sure of a welcome among the admirers of the poet. There is much to be learned from the career of William Cullen Bryant, the journalist and author, more still from his life as an industrious and thorough worker and a sincere and honest man. Every chapter in the book is interesting and the topics are skilfully chosen. The requirements of space alone prevent us from adding some extracts. We take pleasure in offering our congratulations to the publishers on the mechanical execution of the book.

Dying at the Top; or, The Moral and Spiritual Condition of the Young Men of America. By Joseph Waddell Clokey, D.D. 50c. (Chicago: W. W. Vanarsdale.)—One reads this book with a feeling of horror. Sad indeed is the prospect that it presents of the future of the American nation, and from the facts and statistics referred to it seems that the fears of the author are only too well founded, and his hope that the influence of Christianity may avert the perils one to be most fervently joined in.

A German Reader. By Prof. Edward S. Joynes. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.)—So many good texts of German literature are