

Books for Bible Students. Edited by the REV. ARTHUR E. GREGORY. *The Religious Singer of Israel.* By BENJAMIN GREGORY, D.D. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

The litany and liturgy for the ages of both the Jewish and Christian Churches, the Book of Psalms, forms a most precious part of the inheritance of mankind. It voices the manifold hopes and needs, desires and aspirations of the human heart. Its hymns of faith and hope and trust have been lisped by the pallid lips of the dying, havesolaced the prisoner and the oppressed, have been chanted on the field of battle, and have sustained the heart of the persecuted saints in mountain fastnesses, on the blasted heath, and in the dim, dark crypts of the Catacombs. Whatever the higher critics may say, the Psalms have to many persons an intense personal interest from their association with the sweet singer of Israel. Many of them utter his deep experiences of sin and sorrow, and joy and gladness. These personal relations are very beautifully brought out in this admirable volume. The genius of Hebrew poetry has been reproduced in a remarkable manner in the English metrical translations with their alternate strophes and antistrophes. The running commentary strikingly brings out the inner meaning of many of these oracles of God.

My Ducats and My Daughter. By P. HAY HUNTER and WALTER WHYTE. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

We reviewed, not long since, that remarkable study of Scottish character by P. Hay Hunter, "James Inwick, Ploughman and Elder." The present volume gives evidence of the same insight into character, exhibits a wider range, and describes alternately life in a dull Scottish town, in the academic circles of Leipzig, in the editorial sanctum of a London journal, and amid the stirring scenes of a Scottish election. The latter, especially, is particularly graphic.

Japan, the Land of the Morning. By the REV. JOHN W. SAUNBY, B.A. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

This is the best recent book on Japan that we have seen. Mr. Saunby was a successful missionary of our Church in that country for several years. He understands its history, its institutions, its

people. He gives a graphic account of the land, its myths and traditions, its ancient condition and emergence into modern civilization, the advent of the Western trader and missionary, and the recent causes which have led to the wonderful national development which has astonished the world. The chapters on "Daybreak," and "Sunrise in Sunrise Land," are of marvellous inspiration—a sort of new "Acts of the Apostles." The book has numerous engravings and a very handsome symbolical cover.

Growth in Holiness Toward Perfection; or, Progressive Sanctification. By the REV. JAMES MUDGE, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 316. Price, \$1.00.

It is unfortunate that there has been so much misunderstanding, and at times so much controversy, over the subject of "Christian Perfection," to use the phrase of Wesley. Sometimes modes of criticism and discussion have been employed not at all in harmony with the tender and beautiful spirit of religious sanctification. What strikes one in this volume is the "sweet reasonableness" of the claims set forth, the Christian common-sense which rescues what has often been the Shibboleth of a party from its exclusive meaning, and urges holiness of heart and life as the duty and privilege of all the children of God. The careful and prayerful reading of this book will do much to clear away difficulties and to point out the way into the holiest of all through the atonement of the Divine Redeemer.

Thou Art the Man: The White Cross, Social Purity, The Woman of Samaria. By the REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS, LL.D. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 25c.

Like a voice from the other world comes this posthumous volume from the greatest preacher in all Canadian Methodism—the late Dr. George Douglas, "being dead, he yet speaketh." The burning words which fell from his lips still thrill and throb with life.

"Earnest words must needs be spoken.

While the warm heart bleeds and burns
With a scorn of wrong, or pity
For the wronged, by turns."

Miss Frances E. Willard, Sir Wm. Dawson, Dr. Hugh Johnston, contribute introductory words. This book is the most tremendous indictment of the great crime of modern civilization, we think, that was ever uttered or written.