

bring out the larger and deeper meanings. They are printed so as to show the sonnets, aphorisms, epigrams and maxims, giving the poetical forms that are more characteristic of modern poetry. These little books are not commentaries, yet the Introduction, Notes and Index make them very lucid commentaries, though there is neither criticism, exegesis, exposition, illustration, nor homiletic; there is, however, an order of the text of the Revised Version that enables you to get at the sense, which after all is the end of the true commentator. We are pleased to commend these books to the public.

A. M. P.

Kokoro. Hints and Echoes of Japanese Inner Life. By LAFCADIO HEARN. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

Long residence in Japan has made the writer of this book familiar with its history, its literature, and the mental attitude of its people. He is strongly sympathetic with this gentle and courteous race. These papers are designed, he says, to treat the inner rather than the outer life of Japan, hence their title "Kokoro" (Heart). Some of the stories and folk lore, and especially the translation of three popular ballads, give us an insight into the moral and religious feelings of the Japanese. Much of the book is written since the war, and it gives us

the latest well digested study of the national problem that we have seen.

St. Paul, the Traveller and the Roman Citizen. By PROF. W. M. RAMSAY, author of "The Church in the Roman Empire, A.D. 64-170." With map. 8vo. Price, \$3.00.

We had the pleasure of reviewing, in this magazine, Professor Ramsay's "The Church in the Roman Empire Before A.D. 170." The present work is a sort of complement of that book. The successive chapters were lectures given before the Theological Seminary of Auburn, New York, and Mansfield College, England. The writer has a familiar way of illustrating his subject, and compares Paul's journey through North Galatia to that of a traveller from New York to Auburn, by a long detour through Boston, Montreal and Toronto. Chancellor Burwash will give a full review of this important book in the June number.

Mr. Gladstone's articles on "Bishop Butler," in the *Sunday Magazine* are attracting much attention.

Dr. H. K. Carroll has a trenchant article in the March number of the *Methodist Review*, on the "Misrepresentations of Missions and Missionaries," by ignorant or prejudiced critics. It has also a vigorous and highly appreciative review of Bishop Foster's great work on "Creation, God in Time and Space."

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

During the past year the Chapel Fund Committee reports \$1,583,065 expended on Church property, of which \$1,333,430 was spent on 100 new churches which had been erected. Since the inception of the Committee, \$11,662,950 debts have been paid, and at present 5,108 churches are entirely free from debt.

By the will of Sir Francis Lycett, the Chapel Building Fund in London receives \$570,000.

It is estimated that the cost of getting a bill through Parliament to change the Deed-Poll, so as to allow appointments of pastors for more than three years, will be about \$15,000.

Rev. W. L. Watkinson, editor, fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, will deliver the annual address before Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago.

The Missionary debt of \$150,000 has been discharged, but the Committee want \$100,000 more to open new missions in India, China and Africa.

Miss Ellenberger has gone to Western Africa to labour under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. As the position is a dangerous one, none but volunteers are sent.

The Deaconess Institute has now become one of the institutions of the Church. In five years forty-two deacon-