

Book Notices.

"India and Its Problems." By Samuel Smith, M.P. London: Chas. J. Thynne. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a collection of very interesting letters written from India in the winter of 1904-5 to the British press. Mr. Smith has paid several visits to India. He is the President of the Anglo-Indian Temperance Society. He writes with the pen of one who knows present-day affairs in that land. He speaks in the warmest terms of the missionaries and their work, and of the energy of the Viceroy, Lord Curzon.

This on the temperance question: "The vast majority of the Indian people are by religion and conviction total abstainers, but the drink habit has been creeping into the country insidiously—partly from imitation of English customs, and partly, it is alleged, from the opening of liquor-shops against the wishes of the people. There can be no doubt that if the Indian people were allowed to choose for themselves, the public sale of strong drink would be suppressed in most localities. One is grieved to see that the general conviction of the natives is that the Government, for the sake of revenue, tempts the people to this ruinous habit."

"The More Excellent Sacrifice." Memorial-Day Sermons. By Rev. John W. Sayers, D.D. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 212.

It is a very beautiful and tender custom to observe in the month of May every year a memorial service for those who fell in the great conflict which resulted in the abolition of slavery in the neighboring republic. It was not merely a question of state rights, but of high moral principle which led to that four years' war. These sermons are not designed to perpetuate the memories of estrangement, but rather over the graves of the fallen heroes to plight fealty to the united nation in its career of peace and brotherhood.

"The Student's Chronological New Testament." (Text of the American Standard Revision.) With Introductory Historical Notes and Outlines. By Archibald T. Robertson. Author of "Life of John A. Broadus."

etc., etc. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price, \$1.00 net.

Bible students and Bible teachers have placed at their service a splendid apparatus for the prosecution of the noblest study that can engage the human mind. Reading the books of the New Testament in their chronological order, so far as that can be learned, certainly throws additional light upon the sacred text. The introductions to the books, with brief outlines, facilitate the study. We welcome every fresh incentive to the more diligent use of the Scriptures, which can make wise unto salvation.

"Outline Studies in the New Testament: Philipians to Hebrews." By Wm. G. Moorehead. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 249. Price, \$1.20.

Those of us who had the pleasure of hearing Professor Moorehead, in his Old Testament studies at the Bible Institute, Toronto, will remember his lucid exposition of the Wisdom Literature, especially the pessimism of the book of Ecclesiastes, whose moral significance he so convincingly described. In this book he applies the same method to the later epistles of the New Testament. His chief aim is to point out as briefly and as clearly as possible what he conceives to be the design and fundamental truth of each of these inspired letters. The book cannot fail to open to the Bible student much of the riches contained in these Scriptures.

The late Mr. Noble, a distinguished Swede, left a large sum of money from the proceeds of which should be presented every year about \$200,000 for the most notable achievement in literature, art, science. This year the literary prize is divided between a French and a Spanish poet. The prize in physics is awarded to Lord Raleigh, in chemistry to Sir William Ramsay. The prize for the promotion of peace is assigned to a peace society. It is remarkable that while several English scientists have received this prize, it has not yet come to this side of the sea. Though many American scientists have won distinction, yet none has attained this coveted prize.