

'The Quaker poet's latest volume, "St. Gregory's Guest" has met with a very cordial reception.

T. Y. CROWELL & Co. will publish at once a work of importance on the labour question in America, by Prof. Ely, of Johns Hopkins University, who is recognized as an authority on the subject. Messrs. Crowell have in preparation a work of fiction which touches this subject from a Russian point of view, entitled "A Vital Question, or, What is to be Done?" by Nikolai Garrilovitch Tchernuishovsky, translated from the Russian by Nathan Haskell Dole. The author of this work, a noted Russian liberalist, was banished to Siberia for his liberalistic ideas, and his book has been forbidden in Russia. It is secretly circulated, however, and is immensely popular there as well as in Germany.

A MARTYR, OR, A VICTIM OF THE DIVORCE LAW. Adolphe D'Ennery. Translated from the French by Aristide Filiatreault. Toronto, Rose Publishing Co.

EASTWARD WORSHIP THE PRIMITIVE PROTESTANTISM. Toronto, Rowell & Hutchinson. An ably reasoned argument to show that Eastward Worship is not borrowed from the idolatrous worship of the sun—that in fact being a westward devotion—but is derived from the practice of the form in the earliest days of christianity.

The latest issues from the press of the Methodist Book & Publishing Co., W. Briggs, are :—

*Methodism and the Missionary Problem*, the annual lecture delivered before the theological mission of Victoria University, 1886. Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D.

*When will Christ Come?* an essay on the Second Advent. Rev. R. N. Burns B.A.

"Anglo-Israelism not necessary to the fulfilment of Scripture Promises." A sermon by Rev. Jasper Wilson, M.A.

"Elements necessary to the formation of Business Character, by the well-known Toronto Merchant John Macdonald.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA.—Subscribers to this work will be glad to find by a note contained in Vol. XX., just published, that the completion of the ninth edition is now within measurable distance. It is expected that the entire remainder of the alphabet of subjects will be contained within four more volumes, followed by a volume containing a general index. The newly published volume carries the alphabet from Pru. to Ros. As the work nears completion the extraordinary assemblage of distinguished men who are amongst its contributors becomes more and more conspicuous. Hardly a man of note in any department of science, literature, or the arts but has contributed to enrich its pages. Cost has not been counted by the publishers, and whatever may have been the merits of former editions, they are quite eclipsed by the thoroughness with which every subject is treated, and by the paramount authority of its different contributors.

*Books and Bookmen*, by Andrew Lang, is a charming collection of papers to delight the soul of the bibliographer, the bibliophile, and the bibliomaniac. Mr. Lang professes to have abandoned book hunting, but leaves these memorials for the rising generation. He treats of Literary Forgeries, Parish Registers, Bookmen at Rome, Bibliomania in France, Binding and Binders, Elzevirs, those snares of inexperience, Japanese Bojio Books, ending with the terrible tale Mr. Blinton in the Bookman's Purgatory. Two ballads grace the volume, one of which we reprint, and a delicate dedication to Brander Matthews. The book has fourteen illustrations, is beautifully printed on good paper with uncut edges, an excellent piece of bookmaking. On page twenty-one, "Aglaophamus" is printed for "Aglaophamus."—George J. Coombes.

*The Pleasures of a Bookworm*, by J. Rogers Rees, is another of the little volumes *de luxe* which every bibliophile will covet. It treats of books, and lovers of books, of home and books, the romance and reality of dedications—a very amusing chapter; of a book-lover's study, and the pursuit of literature at odd moments. Mr. Rees gives a good number of literary anecdotes, and has produced an amusing volume. The publisher must be congratulated on the manufacture; the paper is good, the margins ample, the type large and clear, and the cover tasteful and neat.—George J. Coombes.

PENNY LIBRARY OF FICTION.—The venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is resolved to keep pace with the times. Cheap literature being the order of the day, it has commenced the issue of a series of short, complete stories by popular authors to be sold at one penny each. The first, a tale by Mr. B. L. Farjeon, entitled "Three Times Tried," has just been published. It extends to thirty-two pages demy octavo, and has an illustrated wrapper printed in colours. At this rate of progress, we may in time expect penny song books and comic reciters to be issued by the Society.

Mr. James Russell Lowell has recently given the history of that dainty masterpiece, *The Courtin'*. A vacancy once occurred in some periodical or other publication, and he was asked to write a poem to fill it. He accordingly wrote *The Courtin'*. The printer, however, taking it literally as a piece to be used for "filling," cut it off in order exactly to fill the vacant space. For years afterwards the author was in receipt of letters asking about the conclusion, until finally he felt compelled to give the poem entire in some collections of his works.

Dr. Macauley, editor of the *Leisure Hour*, an experienced veteran in popular literature, and whose personal recollections cover the whole of the Victorian epoch, is preparing a volume, which, along with an outline of the life of the Queen, will give a retrospect of historical events, and of the national progress, during the half century of her reign. The illustration of this volume will be directed by Mr. Ed. Whymper. In such hands this ought to be one of the best books in connection with the jubilee.

A recent article on "Shilling Dreadfuls," in the *Daily Telegraph*, contains much truth and a great