

Dorchester and others; the Estrangement of the Masses from the Church, by Dr. Pierson, and other papers. The names of the writers are a guarantee that the discussions are able, and they are important to us in Canada as well as in the United States.

Co-operation in Christian Work: New York: Baker & Taylor Publishing Co. Price 75 cents.

This is a companion volume to the last. The various aspects of Christian co-operation are discussed by such men as Dr. Storrs, Bishop, Harris, Dr. Josiah Strong, Dr. Gladder, Dr. Schauffler, and others. The two volumes are of great interest to every Christian worker.

Pilgrim's Letter; or, Bits of Current History. By Rev. JOSEPH E. ROY, D.D. Pp. 310. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

For a period of twenty years or more Dr. Roy's "Pilgrim Letters" have appeared in the *Congregationalist*, the *Independent*, and the *Advance*, and always have been eagerly read. This volume is made up from those that have a permanent interest. They give quite connected, though sketchy, views of the events that took place between the years 1857 and 1887. They are more inspiring reading than history, which is cold-blooded retrospect; for they retain the vivacious fervour in which they were written. Because of their

real historic value, will many wish to possess "Pilgrim's Letters."

Under French Skies; or, Sunny Fields and Shady Woods. By the COUNTESS DE GASPARIN. Pp. 303. New York: Baker & Taylor Publishing Co. Price \$1.25.

It is many years since we read that charming volume "The Near and the Heavenly Horizons," by the accomplished author of this book. Its memory lingers with us still. There is an ineffable charm about vivacious French narrative and criticism that the fine literary style and sympathetic spirit of a cultivated French lady alone can explain. The present volume is made up of a number of short stories and sketches, all suffused with a devout, religious spirit. The lights and shadows of French peasant life among the Jura Mountains are strikingly portrayed.

Key-Stones of Faith; What and Why we Believe. By WOLCOTT CALKINS, D.D. New York: Baker & Taylor Publishing Company. Price 75 cents.

This is an admirable compendium of Christian doctrine. For busy people and young readers, it will be found a very edifying manual. What we like best of all is the Scriptural summary in the very words of Holy Writ.

LITERARY NOTE.

We have received from Theo. Robinson, Montreal, a Canadian reprint of "John Ward, Preacher" reviewed in the November number. Price, in paper, 40 cents.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

Days Serene. Illustrated from the original designs of MARGARET MACDONALD PULLMAN. Boston: Lee & Shepard. New York: Charles W. Dillingham.

This house makes a specialty of getting out sumptuous holiday gift-books. It has published many handsome books in previous seasons, but it has this year surpassed itself in the number and elegance of its holi-

day issues. The principal of these is a large, oblong quarto, with the reposeful title above cited. It does, indeed, suggest a dream of summer days, under green leaves and beside placid streams. The drawings are full of poetic feeling and are exquisitely interpreted by the burin of the engraver, and are printed with great care on the best of paper. Many of them have quite the effect of delicate