

and it is said there has never been a single backward step in the progress of Christianity in that country. So let us pray for greater blessing in the future, knowing that God is fathering the work.

### Books and Periodicals Department.

*Eminent Christian Workers of the Nineteenth Century.* By G. Barnett Smith. S.P.C.K., London, England. Nine interesting biographies in one neat, compact volume of 416 pages. The biographies are those of Archbishop Tait, Bishop Patteson, the martyr bishop, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bishop Wilson (Calcutta), Arnold, of Rugby, Bishop Wilberforce, George Moore, the philanthropist, Hannington, the East African hero, and Bishop Selwyn. This book presents to its readers the noble side of humanity, as shown by typical great men in their work for the benefit of mankind, both at home and abroad, and should be placed in the hands of all young men. So many men spend useless and aimless (to say nothing of vicious) lives, it would be well to emphasize the work of those who aim at doing some good in the world. Besides this, the S.P.C.K. has published many fine books for the present year—fine books for boys, such as "Sail Ho! or, A Boy at Sea," by George M. Fenn, a 5c. book, illustrated, telling stirring things of sailors and the sea; "From the Bush to the Breakers," by F. Frankfort Moore, a story of Australia and the Pacific Ocean; "The Fairhope Venture," an emigration story, by Rev. E. N. Hoare, M.A., a tale of Canada's great Northwest, the "once lone land," in which we have the St. Lawrence, and Edmonton, and Moosejaw, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and many other scenes of pioneer life in Canada; "Plucky Jim; or, The Gang of Thieves," by Beech Wood, a tale of the discovery of a thief. Fine books for Sunday School prizes and the library, such as "The Uttermost Farthing," and "Out in the World," by Helen Shipton; "A Lady Born," by Eila Edersheim Overton; "Of High and Low Degree," by Helen Milman; "The Old House," by Catharine M. MacSorley; "A Storm and a Teapot," by Frances Harriott Wood; "Enid's Victory," by Cecilia S. Lowndes. Fine books for juveniles, such as "The Child's Pictorial" for 1893, a mine of wealth for little ones, and "The Days of the Rose, and Other Tales," by Mrs. R. Hallward, pretty little tales with colored pictures. "The Dawn of Day" for 1893 is an attractive volume of miscellaneous information, and many incidents and tales. The S.P.C.K. publishes some of the best novels, such as Sir Walter Scott's "Talisman," J. Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans," in cheap form, paper covers; price, one penny.

*The Cosmopolitan.* New York. This is a really fine magazine. It claims that notwithstanding its extraordinary reduction in price, it is bringing the most famous writers and artists of Europe and America to interest its readers, and, in proof of this claim, submits the following list of contributors for the five months ending with February: Valdés, Howells, Paul Heyse, Francisque Sarcey, Robert Grant, John J. Ingalls, Lyman Abbott, Frederick Masson, Agnes Repplier, J. G. Whittier (posthumous), Walter Besant, Mark Twain, St. George Mivart, Paul Bourget, Louise Chandler Moulton, Flammarton, Tissandier, F. Dempster Sherman, Adam Badeau, Capt. King, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, George Ebers, De Maupassant, Sir Edwin Arnold, Spielhagen, Andrew Lang, Berthelot, H. H. Boyesen, Hopkinson Smith, Lyman J. Gage, Dan'l C. Gilman, Franz von Lenbach, Thomas A. Janvier. And for artists who have illustrated during the same time: Vierge, Reinhart, Marold, F. D. Small, Dan Beard, José Cabrinety, Oliver Herford, Remington, Hamilton Gibson, Otto Bacher, H. S. Mowbray, Otto Guillonnet, F. G. Attwood, Hopkinson Smith, Geo. W. Edwards, Paul de Longpré, Habert-Dys, F. H. Schell. How this is done for \$1.50 a year, the editors of *The Cosmopolitan* alone know. *The Cosmopolitan* and *THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE* may be had together for \$2 a year.

*The Testimony of History to the Truth of Scripture.* By Rev. George Rawlinson, M.A. H. L. Hastings. Price, 35 cents. The good service done by Layard in 1845, in the way of unearthing and investigating ancient monuments and inscriptions, has been continued, until the truth of the historical events of the Holy Scriptures are greatly supported and corroborated. This is all the more gratifying because unbelievers have made great use, in days gone by, of the alleged absence of such evidence. The Rev. George Rawlinson pursued this subject with great learning and research, and gave to the world his great work on "The Seven Great Oriental Monarchies." The present volume presents, in a condensed and inexpensive form, the results of some of the later researches in this department of oriental antiquities. The different divisions of the Bible are gone into, and comparisons made between its statements and those of newly-discovered records, with the result that (1) there is very little contradiction between sacred and profane history; (2) there is a large amount of minute agreement. The conclusions to be drawn from these results are to a high degree favorable to the establishment of the authenticity of Holy Scripture.

(i) *The Expositor*, (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. In *The Expositor*, Rev. Arthur Wright's article on "The Proper Names in St. Mark's Gospel" is striking. He has carefully counted and analyzed all the proper names mentioned in it, and has compared them with those of the other Gospels, and uses them as "a study in the synoptic problem." "The Righteousness of Christ's Kingdom," by Prof. Marcus Dods, calls new attention to a theme which never can be worn out. Other articles are in keeping with the able manner in which this magazine is conducted.

*The Clergyman's Magazine* has its usual "Amplified collects and devotional exercises for the Christian year," and several other useful articles. "The Tears of Jesus: What They Teach," by Rev. J. Jeffares Jones, B.D., is suggestive of somewhat new ideas on that tender subject.

*The Missionary Review of the World.* Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor place, New York. \$2 a year. India, Thibet, Japan, Burma, have special articles—India especially, under the aspect of (1) its religions, (2) its child marriages, (3) medical training for women for it. An article on "What trade and commerce owe to missions," being an address delivered in Philadelphia by Rev. Dr. Nassau on his departure for his field of labors in West Africa, is a capital vindication of missionary enterprise. The fact is, the world does not know what it really does owe to the missionary, pioneer and support of civilization, as he often is, in savage lands. Numerous paragraphs and incidents of a missionary nature are always to be found in this magazine.

*The Review of Reviews.* New York, 13 Astor Place. April, 1894; price, 25 cents.

The April number is fully up to the mark. The "Progress of the World" tells us well what is going on around us in the old world and in the new, supplying a. the same time numerous portraits of public celebrities. Several illustrations are given of Mr. Gladstone, Lord Rosebery, and Sir William Harcourt, the three Liberal leaders. "Leading Articles of the Month" and "The Periodicals Reviewed" occupy several pages of much interest.

*The Newbery House Magazine.* Griffith, Farran & Co., London, England. Price sixpence. This magazine, having cut down its size and lowered its price, and somewhat lightened its articles, bids fair to be a popular Church periodical.

*Germania.* A W Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.