

books we notice is "The Growth of the English Nation," by Katharine Coman and Elizabeth Kendall, Professors of History in Wellesley College. It is one of the best books on the subject we have seen. Ample use is made of maps showing the expansion of England throughout the world. It is not a mere drum-and-trumpet history, but one of the progress of the English people, the growth of Democracy and the development of civilization. Numerous illustrations are given, especially of contemporary caricature, coming down to the rejection of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill.

Complementary to this is a survey of English literature, "From Chaucer to Tennyson," by H. A. Beers, Professor of English Literature in Yale University. A running criticism of that splendid literature is given, with selections from thirty authors and portraits of twenty-nine of them.

Of wider range is "Europe in the Nineteenth Century," by Professor Judson, LL.D., of Chicago University. A series of maps show the changes which have taken place since the empire of Napoleon with the French Protectorate covered nearly half of Europe. The integration of Italy, of Germany, of Austria, are traced with great fidelity. The reconstruction without revolution of the British Empire, the re-arrangement of Eastern Europe, the shrinking of Turkish power and the growth of free States are clearly shown. The book has numerous excellent engravings of the great actors and famous scenes of this world's drama.

"The Renaissance and Modern Art," by Professor Goodyear, with over two hundred engravings, gives a survey of the marvellous revival, growth and sometimes decadence of modern art and architecture. To most readers art criticism is an unknown world. It was pathetic, amid the art glories of the Columbian Fair, to note the dazed and amazed expression of many who could neither understand nor appreciate them. Such a book as this or the larger, "Lubke's History of Art," furnishes the canons and explains the interpretation of art. Their study will add greatly to the enjoyment and educative value of the great world of art, brought more and more within our reach every year.

The last book of the series takes up the scientific side of education. It is Dr. Winchell's "Standard Walks and Talks in the Geological Field." Geology is one of the most fascinating of the sciences, and will broaden one's views of the world and its physical history as nothing else can do. The treatment of the subject is lucid and luminous, and gives an excellent survey of the entire field.

In addition to these books students should also read the *Chautauquan*, price \$2.00 a year, which, under the able management of Dr. Flood, is becoming one of the foremost monthlies of the age. It is devoted especially to Chautauqua work, but has also its more general and lighter departments. We expect its develop-

ment will solve the problem of a great monthly free from the sensational fiction, and sporting and theatrical spirit, which mar some of the older magazines.

The college fee for this course of instruction and examination papers thereon is not \$50.00, but only 50 cents a year, to be remitted to Miss Jessie A. Munro, Thorold, Secretary for Eastern Canada; or, J. H. Friar, Esq., Galt, Secretary for Western Canada. The Canadian agents for the books and magazine are the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

## Europe Re-Visited.

THE Editor of the BANNER has had the pleasure and privilege of visiting, several times, the Continent of Europe, and becoming somewhat familiar with its principal tourists' routes and places of historic or romantic interest. The duties of his office are both onerous and exacting, and only by an occasional vacation trip is he able to keep up his working powers.

During the approaching summer he purposes to make another comprehensive tour, in which health, recreation and education by travel will be sought. His route will include England, Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium, and will afford time and opportunity to visit the things best worth seeing at London, Edinburgh, Paris, Genoa, Pisa, Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice, Milan, the Italian and Swiss lakes, the most famous of the Swiss Passes, the Upper and Lower Rhine, Strasburg, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Luther's Country-Cobourg, Eisenach, Erfurt-Frankfort, Mayeun, Cologne, Brussels, Antwerp, Rotterdam, etc. His experience in travel, and familiarity with the route and the things best worth seeing, will enable his companions in travel to make this trip at the least expense of time and money.

Several friends have accompanied his former excursions of foreign travel, and others desire an opportunity of doing so. Any person wishing further information may address the Rev. Dr. Withrow, Methodist Publishing House, Toronto.

## The Home Department.

ON another page we have given the substance of an address on this important subject delivered in the Elm Street Methodist Church, Toronto. We trust that this movement will be taken up with vigour. We believe that it possesses untold capabilities for usefulness, both for the community and for the Sunday-school. For specimen leaflets, write to Rev. Dr. Briggs, Toronto.