

most popular autobiographies that was ever written. But in a moment one's thought changes, for after all this is not Dr. Paton's style. These are letters, and they are bright and gossipy as letters ought to be; they are a women's letters, and they have a woman's delicacy and brightness of touch: they are the outgushing of a heart that is both merry and tender, and so they keep you smiling with the tears not far away. Above all they help to bring before us a figure of which we see all too little in our records of mission work—the missionary's wife. The Editor of the book (who is the writer's brother-in-law, James Paton) tells us how it came to be written. He refers to the fragments of letters from Mrs. Paton's pen in chapter nine of the second volume of the Autobiography, and of the many wishes that were expressed that these letters might appear entire. Mrs. Paton's consent was gained and all the letters that could be obtained were collected. It is the great loss of the Christian public that some of the Family letters had been destroyed or mislaid and so could not be included.

Of what we have (some seventeen in all) it is sufficient to say that they form a book whose value is no less and whose charm is even greater than that of the famous Autobiography.

The work is beautifully printed and contains twenty-five capital illustrations. Not the least interesting of these to Canadian readers are the pictures of the martyred Gordons and that of J. D. Gordon's murderer with his child. A very good map of the New Hebrides is also included.

The "Missionary Review of the World" for April contains the following:— "Rev. Adoniram Judson Gordon, D.D. (with portrait), by the Editor-in-Chief; the Apostle Columba, by Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D.; Andrew P. Happer, M.D., D.D., by Pres. S. F. Scovel; Hindoo Reformers of this Century, by J. E. Tupp; Facts and Figures from British India, by Prof. G. H. Schodde, Ph.D.; The London Mission in Travancore, by Rev. S. Mateer; The Pariah Outcasts in India, by Rev. Jas. Johnston; Family Life in India, by Albert Norton, M.D. Besides these articles in the department of Missionary Literature, the other sections are filled with interesting and useful material.