

*Iselle*, by the author of "Vera," &c.

*Playing the Mischief*, by J. W. DeForest.

*Ward or Wife: A Romance*.

MESSRS. ROBERT CARTER & BROTHERS, NEW YORK :—

*Testimony of the Rocks*, by Hugh Miller :—This work, the last that the great geologist penned, and the final effort of an expiring reason, will be read with great interest. Originally written in the form of lectures, they were collected and arranged for publication just before the author's lamented death. Not the least interesting portion of the book is that in which Mr. Miller avows his conversion to the theory which reconciles the Mosaic and geological accounts of the Creation. Approaching the subject with the belief of a Christian and the conclusions of a practical geologist, he rejoices in being able to trace the finger of God, writing again for us on the tables of stone the story which Moses wrote. The "memorials" detail the melancholy story of his death—"a mighty vessel foundered in the calm."

*Twelve Months in Madagascar*, by Joseph Mullens, D.D. :—The visit to Madagascar which is here described was undertaken by Rev. Dr. Mullens, Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society. It is, therefore chiefly devoted to a review of the work, and an outlook at the prospects of the missions in that Island. We are glad to learn that Dr. Mullens regards the hold that Christianity has obtained there as real and permanent. Desirous of a more extended geographical and personal knowledge of the country, Dr. Mullens went prepared to observe the natural features of the island, and to learn something of the natives. He has brought back, and embodied in this book, some very valuable information, and has made extensive additions to our present knowledge of the country. He has compiled a large new map, beautifully engraved, and which accompanies the book, of the central and less known portions of the Island. There are also several excellent illustrations in the book. The deputation was well received by the Queen of Madagascar and her Government.

*Four Years in Ashantee*, by the Missionaries Ramseyer and Kuhne :—This account of life in Ashantee will be found very interesting. The writers, missionaries of the German Basel Society, were taken prisoners by the Ashantees and only released when Sir Garnet Wolseley took Coomassie. Their experience was long and painful, and is told in graphic language. Their captivity, however, afforded the devoted missionaries abundant opportunities of gathering knowledge and experience for their special work, which they appear to have amply profited by. The preface is written by the distinguished Dr. Christlieb, Professor of Theology at Bonn. Apart from the narrative of suffering experienced by the captive missionaries, this book contains a graphic account of the Ashantee war from an inside point of view.

*Nurses for the Needy*, by L. N. R., Authoress of the "Missing Link" :—This book contains a most interesting record of seven years of nursing work by Bible women in the houses of the London poor. Its purpose is to show the want as well as success of Mrs. Ranyard's second "missing link," in the shape of "nurses for the needy," which it is shown are required scarcely less than the first Bible women "link."

*All about Jesus*, by Alexander Dickson :—This is a deeply devotional work by one whose earnest, loving study of Holy Scripture has led him (taking the 10-16 verses of Canticles as his motto) to collect all the texts relating to the person and character of Jesus, and to show forth from them the exceeding beauty, grace and glory of the Saviour.

To show his high appreciation of this work Mr. Robert Carter, the head of the publishing firm in New York, adds these words : "May the Master make this book as sweet to others as it has been to me."

*The Golden Chain*, by Miss Marsh :—This is another delightful little work from the pen of Miss Marsh, the authoress of "English Hearts and Hands," "Victory Won," "Headly Vicars," &c. The motto of the book is—"Trial and blessing, peace and pain, are links in Mercy's golden chain." The book contains five touching and beautiful sketches by the writer.

*Couling Castle*, by Agnes Giberne :—An historical tale relating to Sir John Oldcastle, in the times of Henry V.

*Floss Silverthorn, or the Master's Little Handmaid*; and *Pieces of Silver*.—Two beautiful religious tales for girls, by Agnes Giberne.

*Alice Neville and Riversdale* :—Two interesting stories of English life, by C. E. Bowen.

*Doors Outward* :—A sterling tale, by the author of "Win and Wear."

*Sceptres and Crowns and the Flag of Truce* :—Two admirable stories by the well-known author of "The Wide, Wide World."

*Eleanor's Visit and Mabel Walton's Experiment* :—Two well-told stories by the author of the "Bessie Books."

*Little Brothers and Sisters* :—Two excellent stories by Emma Marshall.

*An Eden in England and the Little Maid and Living Jewels*, by A. L. O. E. :

—The whole of these books form a collection of most interesting and instructive Juveniles, admirably adapted for Sunday School Libraries. The names of the various authoresses quoted, with titles of the books, are a sufficient guarantee for the worth and excellence of them. Beside, none but the best kind of Juveniles are published by the noted firm of Carter, Brothers, of New York.

MESSRS. A. S. BARNES & Co., NEW YORK :—

*Practical Ethics*, by Matilda Fletcher :—Written for American Schools. As a primary work it brings before the mind of the student, in a catechistical form, those cardinal moral principles which lie at the foundation of all true character.

*Manual of Algebra*, by Prof. Wm. G. Peck, LL.D. :—This is one of the series of mathematical works by Prof. Peck, whose books are being now extensively used in the U. S. It is printed with clear type.

*Pooler's Test Speller* :—For the use of Teachers' Institutes and other spelling classes.

*School Hymn and Tune Book* :—By J. D. Bartley. Containing a collection of national, anniversary and parting hymns, as well as a variety of tunes composed by popular authors, or arrangements from classic composers.

*Teacher's Hand Book* :—By Wm. F. Phelps, M. A., Principal of State Normal School, Winona, Minn. An exhaustive review and discussion of educational questions, both in regard to the duties and attitude of education to the masses, and of the relation of the State to the educational system. This is coupled with a course of instruction mapped out by Mr. Phelps, going over the ground minutely, while Part II. is devoted to Teachers' Institutes, their origin, organization and object.

*The National School Singer*, containing many popular songs, as well as song lessons.—A very useful publication.

From J. R. Osgood & Co., Boston.

*Victorian Poets*. By E. C. Stedman.

Poets, great and small, who figure in what Stedman calls the Victorian age, are reviewed in this work. It is written as a philosophical criticism on the style, form, quality, and tendencies which the verse of British poets exhibit, and is, at the same time, a historical review. This serves to give a compactness and sequence to the book which renders it of some value as a literary volume of reference. American poetry Mr. Stedman regards as being as it were in its infancy, and as not having acquired a definiteness which would render it a consideration of value as regards characteristic style and form. Those British poets who are regarded as types are Lauder, Hood, Proctor, Browning, Tennyson, Buchanan, Swinburne, Morris. Mrs. Browning is the only lady whose position in literature is asserted as aspired.

From BELFORD BROTHERS, Toronto.

*Farm Legends*. By Will Carleton.

This is a very handsome Canadian edition, containing, in addition to the "Farm Legends," other poems, and two of the most popular of the well-known Farm Ballads. The enterprise of Belford Brothers in bringing out so very tasty an edition of a most popular and useful book deserves every encouragement. The moral as well as the social influence of the Legends will be most salutary. The "Ballads" have proved themselves so, and in "holding the mirror up to nature" in farm life they have rubbed the rough corners off many points of rural life, and have corrected many social errors and mistakes.

*Betty's Bright Idea*. By Harriet Beecher Stowe.

This little volume contains three excellent stories, written in Mrs. Stowe's characteristic style :—*Betty's Bright Idea*, a touching Christmas story; *Deacon Pitkin's Farm*, a beautiful Thanksgiving Day story; and *The First Christmas in New England*, a capital sketch of the good old Puritan times. The three stories are sold by the publishers for 25 cents, and are admirably adapted for children's reading.

*We and Our Neighbours*. By Harriet Beecher Stowe.

This novel contains the records of an unfashionable street, and is a sequel to the writer's "My Wife and I," though it is complete in itself. It is written in Mrs. Stowe's genial, hearty style, and is eminently readable.

*Sermons Out of Church*. By the Author of *John Halifax*.

This delightful volume contains so-called "Sermons out of Church," by Miss Mulock, on—1. "What is Self-Sacrifice?" 2. "Our Often Infirmities;" 3. "How to Train Up a Parent in the Way He Should Go;" 4. "Benevolence or Beneficence?" 5. "My Brother's Keeper;" 6. "Gather up the Fragments." These "Sermons" have nothing of the sermonizing style about them, but are written in a practical, popular style. They deal with the many "blisters of humanity" in a kindly, loving spirit, and cannot but have a good influence on those that read them.

*How to Live Long*. By Dr. W. W. Hall.

This is a useful yet unique medical book, written in a somewhat "proverbial philosophical" style, inculcating, by "numerous examples," that "Fun is better than Physic." The practical and proverbial sentences in the book number 1,408, and are admirable. Belford Brothers have really done good service in reprinting so many useful books.

From COPP, CLARK & Co., City.

*Science and Art of Teaching*. By George V. Le Vaux.

Several of the chapters in this valuable contribution to school literature have already appeared in this *Journal*, others in the *American Educational Monthly*, in English and Irish papers, and in an *Australian Journal of Education*. The writer deals with "First Principles," including a "Chronological Essay," "Responsibilities of the Teacher," "Spirit and Habits of the Teacher," "Characteristics of a Good Teacher," &c., &c. Part II. is devoted to "School Management." Part III. to "Methods of Teaching," &c., &c. We strongly commend this excellent treatise.

From HUNTER, ROSE & Co., Toronto.

*Canadian Official Postal Guide*. No. 1.

This useful publication contains an alphabetical List of Post Offices in Canada, the chief regulations of the Post Office, rates of postage, and other information. It is revised, and will be published quarterly by authority of the Postmaster-General.