

and learned research. Of the many books written upon this subject, we know of none which treats it more comprehensively, more ably, more eloquently, than the present volume. Personally we do not feel competent to discuss this vast and various theme, nor to judge, without ampler study than we have been able to give, of the validity of the arguments with which the fascinating theory of this book is sustained. But we can certainly commend the vigour and vivacity of style, the wealth of illustration, and the breadth of learning with which Dr. Poole maintains his thesis, whether one fully accepts it or not. No English-speaking reader can fail to have his patriotic pulses stirred with a grander pride than that of the great apostle of the Gentiles as he asserted his free-born Roman citizenship. For we are the heirs of an empire which dwarfs into insignificance that of Rome in its palmyest days—an empire upon which the seal of divine approval has been signally placed—an empire with which the highest destinies of the ages are fraught—an empire into whose keeping God has committed the ‘gates’ of the earth.”

The Nine Famous Crusades of the Middle Ages. By ANNIE E. KEELING. London: T. Woolmer. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 90c.

There is no more stirring story in history than that of the many expeditions from Europe to wrest from the infidel the sepulchre of our Lord. What a strange mingling of heroism and fanaticism they present. Few things have so moulded the life and thought of Christendom as this great movement. To what lofty daring, to what grim tragedy, to what scenes of touching pathos they gave rise. Every schoolboy should know this thrilling story. Yet as told in the great histories it is difficult for young people to obtain, and perhaps more difficult to read. The accomplished author of the “Oakhurst Chronicles” has done an important service by compressing into one inexpensive and attractively written book this

wonderful record. The story is enlivened by a number of those quaint legends, which have come down from the crusading times, and is illustrated with a number of excellent engravings. We would much prefer to see books of such permanent value in the hands of our young people than the frivolous fiction over which so many of them waste their time.

Christian Manliness and Other Sermons. By JOHN RHEY THOMPSON, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

This is not at all an ordinary volume of sermons. It is a long time since we have read any as fresh, as vigorous, as inspiring, as much in touch with daily life and duty. There is a Christian manliness about them that well illustrates the principal theme of the volume. The very titles will indicate the scope and spirit of the book: Christian manliness tested by poverty—in public life—in trial. Great men in history. Jesus and the great masters of literature. Law in the spiritual realm. The reasonableness of immortality, etc. Such themes as these, treated as they are in this volume, will vindicate the pulpit from the charge of dulness, and will catch the ear even of those indisposed to listen.

Atlanteans: Adam Lore's Choice: Stories for Young Men. By SAMUEL W. ODELL, LL.B. Pp. 310. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

This volume contains two stories, of which the same person is the hero. The first recounts Adam Lore's struggles to obtain an education, in doing which he had to overcome the restraints of poverty. The second tells how he made choice of his life-work—the grandest work in the world—that of calling sinners to repentance. The book is characterized by vigour and vivacity, is fresh and breezy in style, and will be a favourite in the Sunday-school library.