

I never felt particularly drawn towards Dr. Pierson. Perhaps, when we get to know each other better, he will bring this sentence up against me. Well, let him. Popularity seeks some men; others seek popularity. It may not be true that he was willing to undergo dipping in order to succeed Spurgeon, but the impression is that the worthy doctor is hustling to the front in any and every way. Is it not better to wait till the Master of the Feast says "Friend, go up higher"? Mr. Chapman sends us *The New Acts of the Apostles*, by Dr. Pierson, the Duff Missionary Lectures for 1893. The American edition contains 450 pages, and is published by the Baker and Taylor Company of New York. It is an admirable missionary book, betokening wide research and an intense spirit of earnest devotion. I have no hesitation in saying that it is the best book Dr. Pierson ever wrote. After its perusal I am constrained to say that no man I know, not even our learned and kind friend Mr. Croill, is more conversant with the minutiae of Christian missions than is Dr. Pierson. Of course, he preaches at times, but it is on the whole healthy preaching, and it does not interfere with a grand, hopeful presentation of the actual triumphs of the cross all over the world. He has something to say of our Drs. Geddie and Mackay, but not a word of the glorious Gordons, which is a sad omission. If Dr. Pierson knows anything, he knows missionary history, and Dr. Andrew Thomson's prefaced eulogium of the man is well deserved. Ministers and students seeking for materials with which to inspire their people with missionary zeal, would do well to place this book and that of Mr. Croill on their library shelves.

Mr. Chapman's third book is four volumes, but they are small, and, as his memorandum says "very beautiful." They are part of the people's edition of Tennyson, published by Macmillan & Co., of London and New York, and comprise *Juvenilia*, *Locksley Hall*, *the Lady of Shalott*, and *A Dream of Fair Women*. Mr. Chapman tells us that the whole edition will be published in about 23 of these tiny 100 page volumes, the price of which is forty cents each in cloth and sixty cents in full limp roan. *A Dream of Fair Women* comes in scarlet roan with gilt top, and is a pretty and handy little book to carry in the pocket or inside a lady's muff. The printing is clear, the paper good, and the whole restful to the eye. There is no need to say anything of Tennyson. To paint the rose and gild gold is superfluous work.

A clerical friend brings me *Studies in Theology*, Lectures delivered in Chicago Theological Seminary, by the Rev. James Denney, D. D. This small octavo of 272 pages is published by Messrs. A. C. Armstrong & Son, of New York. It has received unlimited commendation from the evangelical press, simply on account of its conservative view of the atonement, con-