

Lutridge. In the volume under inspection two Canadian names occur, those of Sir William Dawson and Prof. James DeMille, the latter well known in his time as author of "The Dodge Club," and various other clever and entertaining tales.

FROM Scribner's Sons, New York, has come a small brown volume, entitled "The Early Tudors," which forms a text-book for an epoch of English history, second to none in interest.

The compiler is the Rev. C. E. Moberly, M.A., late a master in Rugby School, and evidently a historian of breadth and ability. The sixteen chapters take the student from the Battle of Bosworth Field and coronation of Henry VII. to the death of Henry VIII. The subjects which are, in our opinion, best dealt with are those treating of the more social and domestic side of life in England at that period. The seventh chapter deals altogether with the literary spirit of the age, with the revival of classical learning and the career of such men as Erasmus, Sir Thomas More, and the accomplished Colet, Dean of St. Paul's, one of the most brilliant scholars of his day. The style is almost picturesque at times, and Henry VIII. is graphically described as "a splendid youth with glowing complexion and short-cropped, golden hair, whose beauty gave ambassadors described in their despatches home, who could speak French, Italian, and Spanish, played and sang to admiration, and composed music, which a high authority describes as 'not too clear and masterly to have been really the work of a royal dilettante!'" As a chronicle of the reign of Henry VIII., however, it will be apt to pall upon the student who may have already perused the lively and eloquent history of Mr. Froude. There are some peculiarities of style, as illustrated by the following sentence: "A wide and grand America of inward thought was restored after centuries of oblivion, and that with the effect not merely of increasing knowledge, but of revolutionising all methods of reasoning." The character of Henry is regarded more from the standpoint of the sovereign than of the man, and no startling revelations appear either in the direction of white-washing or the opposite process, so dear to denunciators of his policy.

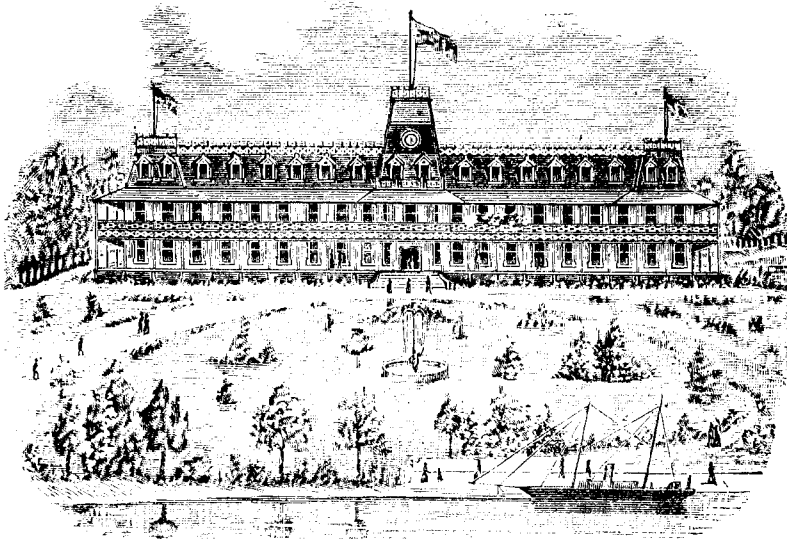
THOSE who are interested in the growth of theological truth and religious systems, and who may have been fortunate enough to have heard delivered before the Lowell Institute in 1885, a course of lectures on the "Early Aryan Religions," by Leighton Parks, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Boston, will be glad to receive these lectures in compact book-form, from the Riverside press of Houghton, Mifflin and Co. Without a knowledge of Oriental languages, Mr. Parks has yet been a careful observer of life and people in the East, and brings to his high task a sympathy with and correct knowledge and understanding of those remarkable books—the Vedas, the Sutras, and the Zend-Svestas, which to him are not dead and cold, lifeless and unimportant compilations, but profound, serious, and beautiful revelations of past systems of morality. The book is entitled "His Star in the East," and its main object seems to be what is deftly conveyed in the title, that while the different systems of Vedism, Brahminism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Zoroastrianism contain much that is alien to the teaching of Christ—the doctrines of extreme pessimism, and irresponsibility in particular—still seen and studied by the eye of faith, the Christianity of our nineteenth century has many striking points of resemblance to these earlier beliefs, and there is hope that the near future of the Church will see a complete conversion of the East as well as of the West. When Christianity is Oriental as well as Occidental, when East and West meet at the very cradle of Jesus and bring Him gold and frankincense and myrrh, the triumph of the Great Teacher will be complete, and then, and only then, will be consummated that

Far-off, divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.

It is pleasant to observe that Mr. Parks has the very highest opinion of the critical and philosophical faculties of the Rev. Frederick Maurice—perhaps the founder of modern thought; certainly as writer and preacher, eminently deserving of Mr. Parks' appellation of a "master in theology." The influence of Maurice is still felt, even in these latter days, by people who never read the famous "Essays and Reviews," for it has passed into current thought and literature, and become the common property of the whole round world.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE'S book reviews have for some time shed upon the *New York World* a respectability it stood vastly in need of. Recently, however, he has been writing various things for the *Epoch*, the new weekly started in New York under semi-Canadian auspices. The *World* objected to this, but Mr. Hawthorne thought that worthy publication could not make it worth his while to give up general literature; and so it loses its one admirable feature.

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