

all else, I believe our aim should be to save souls. Let us work, then, expecting the conversion of the children. The reward is sure, and shall not be according to the world's measure of success, but as we have been faithful to our trust in God's sight.

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### Book Notices.

*Life Among the Germans.* By EMMA LOUISE PARRY. Boston: D. Lothrop Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

It has been well said that for a foreigner to understand the inner life of another nation requires an appreciative knowledge of the mental habits and sentiments of the people, as well as of their outdoor manners and customs. The author of this volume made herself for the time one of the people. She dwelt among them, lived in their families and spoke their language, entered into their ways of living, and by so doing learned to understand their spirit and traits of character to an extent that could have been done in no other way. The result of her experiences forms a series of admirable pictures and studies of the German people. The author went to Germany to study, and what she has to say concerning the methods of instruction in the great schools of Berlin is remarkably interesting, as showing how entirely they differ from our own. The German masters, she says, are pitiless. They are exorbitant in the amount of work demanded, and inexorable in the perfection expected. The practice exacted from students in music is especially terrible. Violin pupils are made to stand four or five hours at a time, with chin, head and arms in the most trying position, and piano students have even a harder time. There are temptations to quote upon every page, but space forbids. We can only recommend the volume to readers as thoroughly entertaining from cover to cover, and full of hints and suggestions that will be invaluable to those who intend travelling or studying in Germany.

*The Life of the Rev. George Haddock, Hero and Martyr.* By FRANK C. HADDOCK. Pp. 541. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.

The Rev. George C. Haddock, of Sioux City, was killed because he was determined that the liquor men in that city should obey the law. He was waylaid at night, Aug. 3, 1886, and shot from behind by the foreman of a leading brewery, in pursuance of a confessed conspiracy to assassinate him. His murderers have not yet been punished. Four have confessed the conspiracy. The son of this Christian martyr has prepared a life of his father, which is of thrilling interest. As a faithful Methodist preacher he was an uncompromising foe to the liquor traffic, and became the victim of its vengeance. He was a man of superior ability, of rare poetic gifts, as this volume shows, and of

lofty moral purpose and courage. The author's royalty on this *LIFE OF HADDOCK* will, it is hoped, be large—sufficient to make ample provision for the wife who was so cruelly and quickly brought within the shadow of widowhood by the assassin's bullet. It will go to her, and is sorely needed. The book is handsomely gotten up and illustrated.

*The Rise of Universities.* By S. S. LAURIE, LL.D. New York: J. Fitzgerald, 24 E. 4th St. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, post-free, 30 cents.

Every educator, and all who take an interest in the history of education will find this work to contain a vast amount of information of the highest importance. That nearly all of the great universities of Europe should have arisen in the deepest darkness of the middle ages is in itself a phenomenon worthy of serious study. Truly the founders of those institutions builded better than they knew.

ALTHOUGH not a very distant neighbour, the republic of Venezuela is little known to Northern Americans. A land of perpetual summer, it presents many and varied attractions to the tourist which are to be pleasantly set forth by Dr. W. F. Hutchinson in *The American Magazine* for August.

THE PULPIT TREASURY carries with it the evidence of its superior excellence, finds a place and bears its message to the preacher in the pulpit and in his daily pastoral work, as well as to the Christian worker in whatever vineyard he may be engaged. The editorials are bright and suggestive. All departments are well filled. Yearly, \$2.50. Ministers, \$2.00. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 771 Broadway, New York.

The *Quiver* for August opens with a paper on "The Gospel in Paris," by the Rev. Wm. Burnet. We learn by this paper that there is quite as much need of missionary work in the gay capital as among the South Sea Islanders. "Small Beginnings" form the subject of a good paper by the Rev. Prof. Blaikie. An interesting article describes with pen and pencil the "Rose Windows" in the famous cathedrals of the old world. "How God Preserved the Bible" is a learned paper by the Dean of Canterbury. Miss C. F. Gordon Cumming has an article on "Divining Rods, Ancient and Modern," showing the resemblance between the rod with which Moses smote the rock and the twig of witch hazel used by the New England farmer in locating the position of a spring. Cassell & Co., 15 cents a number, \$1.50 a year, in advance.

The illustrated articles on "Astronomy with an Opera Glass," appearing in *The Popular Science Monthly*, is continued in the August number, with an intensely interesting account of what can be seen with a small glass on the moon and the sun.