

The Home Knowledge Atlas, Geographical, Astronomical, Historical. Compiled from the latest and most authentic sources. Large 4to, pp. 403. Toronto: Home Knowledge Association.

Comparatively few persons are aware of the advantage to be derived from the study of a good atlas in reading history. It will often make luminous what was obscure, and impress so vividly upon the mind the relation between location and event that neither can be ever forgotten. In the study of the Bible and of Bible lands, we maintain that no one can grasp the subject who does not make a diligent use of maps. It will add a new interest to history or biography, or even to the daily newspaper, to trace events on the map. We especially commend the practice to young people.

We do not know any apparatus which will so facilitate this practice as the volume before us. It contains over one hundred maps of modern geography and forty-two full-page or double maps of modern cities. It contains, moreover, sixty historical and classical maps and twenty-eight Biblical maps. These illustrate almost every political change which has taken place in historical countries within historical times, so that the book is at once a history and a geography of the world. The tables of statistics, syllabus of contents, and copious index, greatly enhance the value of the book. The political changes on the map of Europe, since the beginning of this century—the shrinking of the Ottoman Empire, the growth of Russia, the unification of Italy and Germany, and the many concurrent changes—are clearly set forth. The labour involved in the preparation of these maps must have been enormous.

Thirty-five pages are devoted to a descriptive history of astronomy, with numerous engravings and fourteen astronomical maps.

It is claimed that this atlas shows the greatest number of maps of any published in the world, and that it is a complete gazetteer of both the United States and Canada. It gives nineteen maps especially devoted to

Canada, most of them double-page, and thirty-six pages to a history of the Dominion. The maps are well engraved and printed in colours and are very clear and full in detail, and the book is firmly and handsomely bound. Valuable coloured diagrams show the national debts of the different Powers, the per capita money circulation, aggregate wealth, armies and navies, population, etc., etc.; the sugar production of different countries, the tea and coffee consumption, the consumption of liquor, cotton and coal crops, corn and orchard produce, and much else.

Mary and I; or, Forty Years Among the Sioux. By STEPHEN R. RIGGS, D.D., LL.D. Portraits. Pp. 432. Boston Congregational Publishing House. Price, \$1.50.

This is a republication from new plates, of a book, the first edition of which was exhausted before the demand was supplied. The story of "Mary and I," is a story artlessly told of pioneer missionary efforts among the Sioux of the North-West. We get vivid pictures of the privations, discouragements, dangers, and triumphs of those who devoted their lives to giving the Gospel to the Indian. Dr. Riggs and his devoted wife passed through the "Minnesota Massacre," and lived to witness the remarkable revival among the Indians confined because of it, in Minnesota prisons, the blessed fruits of which are seen to this day.

The Word—Addresses Delivered at the Believers' Meeting for Bible Study. Niagara, July 1887. Pp. 193. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository. Price 50 cents.

These addresses are permeated with the idea that "there will be a fearful apostasy in the professing Christian body" when will come the millennial reign of Christ on earth and the restoration of the Jews to Palestine. As this theory is, we deem, unscriptural and opposed to the belief of the vast majority of the wisest interpreters of Holy Writ, we cannot commend this work or others of its class.