

Herald, sent Mr. Southworth to investigate the slave trade of Upper Egypt and Nubia. This "open sore of the world," as Livingstone called it, is described in all its horrors, and suggestions are made for its cure. The connivance and fraud of the corrupt officialism of Egypt is one of the chief obstacles to the suppression of this great evil. This book gives a graphic account of desert travel, and is illustrated by a large number of lithographic pictures of Oriental scenes.

Minutes of the Spring Conferences of 1881, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Price, 75 cents.

This is a closely-printed octavo of 208 pages, giving the appointments, statistics, and obituaries of thirty-nine Conferences—a wonderful record of the growth of Methodism. Of the late Wm. Bangs we read, that in thirty-nine years he preached 11,000 sermons, and had 3,600 conversions—a grand record.

HOLIDAY JUVENILE BOOKS.

In nothing is the beautiful genius of Christianity more apparent than in the wise and kind provision for instruction and delight of little children. Authors, publishers, and artists, tax their taste and skill to produce books that will make the little folks' eyes dance with pleasure, and shall be a lasting joy. Among the most beautiful of these are a series of BIBLE STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE, by Phillips & Hunt, New York. One of these is *The Story of Moses and his Times*, and the other *The Story of Jesus and His Times*; each with nearly a hundred fine engravings (some of them small.) Price, 40 cents each. Uniform with these are *Sing Song and Baby Verses*. Same price. Just the thing for the children's hour.

Of still greater value, though of less price is the *Lyceum Library*, of useful and entertaining reading for children and youth. Among the late issues are Talks with the Children, by Dr. McLeod. Pearls for the Little Ones; Anna Ross; Nurse Braun, by the author of "Ministering Children; The White Rat, by

Lady Barker, and for older young folk, Knights of Industry; The Eye Doctor; The Fur Coat. Stories of English History, and Treasures of the Earth, by Wm Jones, F. S. A. These good and cheap books are designed to keep out bad ones, which are in the end very dear. They cost 12 cents each in stiff manilla covers. Give the boys and girls a chance by giving them good reading.

We have received from the publisher, Geo. Virtue, Toronto, Parts VII. and VIII. of "The Last Forty Years; or, Canada Since the Union of 1841," by John Charles Dent. These numbers complete the first volume, which contains 392 pages. The promise of the prospectus has been made good by each successive number. The literary character of the work has been well sustained, and the broad margins, clear type, and excellent letter-press, make this an *edition de luxe*. These numbers contain portraits of Messrs. Holton, Young, W. L. Mackenzie, Huntingdon, D. L. Macpherson, and Sir John A. Macdonald.

The following paragraph was crowded out of our notice of the New Tune Book of our Church, in the last number of the MAGAZINE:—

"The book owes much of its accuracy and merit to the good taste and musical ability of the Rev. Dr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee and Editor of the book. It is elegantly printed, not from type, but beautiful copper-faced electrotypes, and is substantially bound. Here will be found suitable tunes for every hymn in the book, and for some hymns there is a choice of several tunes."

The catalogue of books, published and on sale at the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, is a neatly printed 8vo. of 184 pp. It is, we think, the largest book catalogue ever published by any Canadian House. Its preparation has cost much labour and expense. It will be sent free to any book buyer on application. A considerable number of these books are publications of the House.