

St. Augustine, in his great hymn on the "Glories and Joys of Paradise," has these lines:—

" Ubi corpus, illic jure
Congregantur aquilae."

These are the words of Christ in Matthew xxiv, 28, and seem to be a quotation of John xxxix, 30. The modern carcase is the dead man of note, and the eagles are the unscrupulous money coveting publishers, who have no more sacred regard for literature than the butcher has for mutton. The great evangelist, D. L. Moody, was hardly in his grave before publishers from all quarters issued advertisements of his life, in spite of the announcement that his son, W. R. Moody, was preparing, by his father's request, the only authorized biography. Nevertheless, men calling themselves Mr. Moody's friends "pandered to the publishers' greed, and, probably, to their own as well, with authentic lives." "Eagle" is too good a name for them: they are vultures and turkey-buzzards. Mr. Chapman's parcel includes "The Life of D. L. Moody for the People," 144 pages 8vo, paper bound, with 33 measly illustrations from plates whose usefulness is well nigh gone. It is written by the Rev. J. N. Hallock, D.D., whoever he may be, "and others;" and is published by the Poole Publishing Company of Toronto. There is a lack of unity and continuity in this pot-boiler, which, however, gives a fair account of the evangelist's life and work. One chapter, professing to deal with Moody's Gems of Thought, is unfortunate, as most of these did not originate with him, while many original ones are unrecorded. As the brochure costs only a quarter dollar, the loss to the buyer thereof will not be ruinous.

Another joke of Mr. Chapman's on the Talker is "The Scotch-Irish in History," by the Rev. James Shaw, D.D., 438 pages, 8vo, cloth, with 41 maps and illustrations, of which four are coloured. This remarkable book is published for the author, who lives at Bloomington, Illinois, by the Illinois "State Register" of Springfield, and purports to be sold, among others, by Simpkin, Marshall & Co., of London, its price being a dollar and a half. It is the Talker's private opinion, that it would be as much as Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall & Co.'s reputation is