

the winds and waves, "those ancient and unsubsidised allies that guard her coasts," fought against the enemies of England and of the Protestant faith. One may well devoutly exclaim,

"When was ever God's right hand
Over any time and land
Stretched as then beneath the sun."

Mr. Little has told this stirring story with patriotic fire and vigour. He gives graphic pictures of the chief actors in this great national drama—Elizabeth, Leicester, Essex, Raleigh, Howard and Philip, Farnese, Santa Cruz, and the rest. It is impossible, even after three hundred years, not to feel one's pulses quickened at the tale of the peril and deliverance of our fatherland. The lessons of the conflict with the papacy—a conflict renewed in a different form from age to age—are duly enforced. Such books will make better citizens and patriots of those who read them. The book is admirably printed, with marginal notes.

Through Spain on Donkey-Back.
Drawings by W. PARKER BODFISH.
Boston: D. Lothrop. 4to. Price \$2.50.

The chief charm of this book is its series of full-page artistic engravings on tinted ground. They are not formal presentations of cities and architecture, but artists' "bits" from highways and by-ways, figure pieces, interiors and humorous aspects of Spanish life. Many of them have quite the effect of etchings, and give more vivid vignettes of home and street life than many more formal treatises. The artistic merit of the drawing is very superior.

Romanism versus the Public School System. By DANIEL DORCHESTER, D. D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Price \$1.25.

Dr. Dorchester has won for himself the right to speak with authority on this subject by his exhaustive study of the Romish question in his

previous works. He sounds a needed note of alarm at the encroachments of the Roman hierarchy, and he gives facts and figures to vindicate that alarm. "Our greatest fear," he says, "is from the political manœuvring of Rome." We, in Canada, have need to study the same problem, and to be admonished by similar facts.

A Hand-book of Scriptural Church Principles, and of Wesleyan Methodist Polity and History. By the REV. BENJAMIN GREGORY, D. D. London: Wesleyan Methodist Book Room. Pp. 404.

This book, prepared by Dr. Gregory in his own scholarly style, at the request of the Wesleyan Conference, is an admirable defence of Methodist doctrine, polity and practice. We like better the part on the exposition of Christian doctrine, than that on the record of Methodist history. That record is to a sad degree one of strife, dissension and disintegration. The time for its perfectly impartial record has not yet come. Let us hope that a time of peace, brotherhood and reunion may soon mitigate the asperities of the past, and remit to a kind oblivion its strifes.

The Christianity of Jesus Christ. Is it Ours? By MARK GUY PEARSE. London: T. Woolmer. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is another of Guy Pearse's devout little volumes—a companion in style and spirit to his "Thoughts on Holiness." It consists of Friday noonday addresses, delivered at St. James' Hall, in connection with the West London Mission. The freedom of week-day discourse enables him to deal plainly with the vexed social problems of the times, which the Forward Movement is trying to solve. It is only by the practical application of the Gospel that the bitter waters of the modern *Marah* may be healed. We strongly commend these stirring discourses. We think the too great use of italics and capitals, however, mars both the style and the emphasis.