

of dusky followers swept into the beautiful city, and planted firmly the crescent above the cross. We venerate those few Christians who, amidst the unrealities of empty disputants, held the simple faith of the apostles, among them the gentle Irene, willing to sacrifice herself at all times for her holy religion. The characters of the book are all well chosen and stand out with true individuality, notably, perhaps, Nilo, the powerful negro, deaf and dumb, yet ever ready to do heroic deeds for the helpless. To all this we make one exception, the prominence given to the mythical character of the Wandering Jew. The historical novel permits fictitious characters to be grouped around those of history, but should not be made responsible for such an absurd impossibility as that of the Jew, whose life had extended back to the days when Christ was alive among men! The Prince of India, in our opinion, would have been a much better character if he had been a mortal like all the rest. Sir Walter Scott made a similar mistake once in "The Monastery," but he never repeated it. Yet, notwithstanding this, General Wallace has produced a book which will rank high among the historical novels of any age in literature.

Biblical Essays. By the late J. B. Lightfoot, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D., Lord Bishop of Durham. The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., 9 Front street west, Toronto. Price, \$3.

This book is published by the Trustees of the Lightfoot Fund, and contains a large amount of matter written by the late Bishop of Durham, and as yet unpublished, together with one or two treatises which have already appeared in the *Expositor*. This posthumous work from the graceful pen of the learned professor and bishop whose memory is still fresh in our minds will no doubt be eagerly and extensively purchased. The same clear style, simple even when dealing with abstruse subjects, with which men are familiar from his Galatians, Colossians, and Philemon, Philippians, St. Clement of Rome, and other writings, appear in the pages of this book, the first part of which is a very valuable addition to the treatises on the "Authenticity and Genuineness of St. John's Gospel." Following this is a charming little essay on "St. Paul's Preparation for the Ministry." Then follow treatises on "The Chronology of St. Paul's Life and Epistles," "The Churches of Macedonia," "The Mission of Titus to the Corinthians," "The Structure and Destination of the Epistle to the Romans," and many other important themes. The Copp, Clark Co. are to be commended for bringing this work before Canadian readers.

The Church of England in Canada, 1759-1793. By H. C. Stuart, M.A., Rector of Three Rivers, Montreal. Published for the author by John Lovell & Son.

This book brings to light many facts relative to the early history of the Church of England in Canada, not usually known. How the clergy fared in those early colonial days, before the see of Quebec was established, one hundred years ago, has not been a subject of very much enquiry. The author uses the word "Canada" in its old signification, as applying to Quebec and the regions westward. Hence Nova Scotia is not included within the range of the work. The Bishop of Nova Scotia is referred to only as a visitor. A sketch map of the "earliest English parishes and missions in Canada" is given, showing (beginning at the east) Quebec, Three Rivers, Sorel, St. Johns, Montreal, St. Armand, New Johnstown (Cornwall), New Oswegatchie (Prescott), Cataract (Kingston), Ernestown, York (Toronto), Newark (Niagara), Mohawk Village—Grand River. These are the beginnings of history! Mr. Stuart has done a good work in collecting these early documents together.

The Missionary Review of the World for December opens with an able article by Dr. A. J. Gordon on the relation of Education to Missions—a subject which is receiving much attention at the present time. Dr. Gordon's position is, "Conversion primary, education secondary." Joseph Rabinowitz, the converted Russian Jew, gives a wonderfully interesting allegorical interpretation of the story of the raising of Lazarus, whom he regards as a type of Israel. The work among the women of Egypt is well described by one who is engaged in it, Miss Anna Thompson, of Cairo.

Two articles on missions in Syria and Palestine, by Mr. Payne, of London, and Geo. A. Ford, of Syria, give a full and interesting account of the progress and present aspect of the work in the land of our Lord. Many other articles equally interesting are to be found in its pages. *The Review* is pre-eminent among missionary magazines, being fully abreast of the times and edited with the greatest care and efficiency. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, at \$2 a year.

(i.) *The Expositor*; (ii.) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London (England): Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.

The November *Expositor* has articles on "The Pauline Collection for the Saints"; "Where Was the Land of Goshen?"; "St. Paul's Conception of Christianity—Without and Within"; "The Budding Rod"; "Fellowship in the Light of God"; and "Professor Marshall's Aramaic Gospel." These, by eminent divines and writers, give much useful Biblical information. *The Clergyman's Magazine* continues its interesting account of "Eastern Customs in Bible Lands," and its suggestive "Sermon Sketches for the Church Seasons"; also a good article on "God is Love"; and on "Barnabas: An Example for To-Day." The latter, we notice, is by Rev. H. H. Gowen, of New Westminster, British Columbia.

The People's Bible. By Joseph Parker, D.D. Vol. xxii., John. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York, London (England), and Toronto.

This is the next in the series of "Parker's People's Bible," being the Gospel according to St. John. The author divides the Gospel into sections, and gives many helpful and suggestive thoughts on its leading events. It is not a commentary by chapter and verse, but a series of homiletic treatises on the different subject-matters springing from the text. In clear, sharp style—showing force rather than elegance—the author displays the wonderful writings of St. John so as to make them helpful in a spiritual way. They are sermons written in the style of extemporaneous delivery, and intended, as the title indicates, for popular use. They are not controversial. They speak to the soul, and are, therefore, to be commended.

For some time past *The Illustrated London News* has been published in New York under the style of *The Illustrated News of the World*. In the number for October 28th this latter style has been abandoned, and the old title, *The Illustrated London News*, has been assumed. No family that can afford it should be without a copy of this magnificent paper coming to it as a regular weekly visitor. New York: Ingram Bros.; \$6 a year.

We call attention to three beautiful anthems received from J. Fischer & Bro., No. 7 Bible House, New York: (1) "Hail to the Day." Solo and chorus Christmas anthem, by A. Diabelli. Price, 20 cents. (2) "Praise Ye the Lord." Solo and chorus, by J. Wiegand. Price, 35 cents. (3) "Angel Hands in Strains Sweet Sounding." Solo and chorus, by J. Wiegand. Price, 25 cents.

The Missionary Bible-Searching Almanack. London (England): Church Missionary House.

This little almanac gives a short text, bearing upon missions, for every day in the year, with a blank space for entering the chapter and verse—to be found by those who will search for it. It would form a capital exercise for young people.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.

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