

*Heaven* is more happily written, and on the whole makes interesting reading. The author's style is quiet, easy, graceful, and Hiram Golf, while having a part in the discussions of the circle that gathers at Parson Jessig's house, is not so offensively monopolizing. Van Brunt, Parson Jessig and "the Master" are all interesting characters, and the evolution of spiritual life in the first named is told in an interesting manner, and not without some profit to the reader.

*Katherine Lauderdale.*—BY F. MARION CRAWFORD, 2 vols., New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: The Toronto News Co.

A two volume novel, covering the events of only four days, is almost unprecedented in the annals of fiction, but notwithstanding that the story contains little of the sensational and nothing of the tragic, but is simply a story of love and misunderstanding in a wealthy circle of New York society. Mr. Crawford has produced a novel which in the interest with which it holds the reader, in the clearness of the portraiture drawn, in naturalness, and in fact in almost all the characteristics of a good story, must rank as one of the most entertaining of recent years. The hero of the story is a young man who has not yet found his line of life, and is unable to marry with any prospect of maintaining a wife on the scale which his social position is supposed to call for. He is, moreover, given somewhat to excess in drinking, a fault which he confesses to his intended and which he proceeds to correct. The heroine is on the whole a pleasing young lady, of great potentialities morally, but rather purposeless and vague in her spiritual aspirations. A secret marriage, not discreditable to the hero or heroine, is the centre of the plot; its suddenness, its purpose, the hesitation on the part of the bridegroom and the associations connected with it are exceedingly interesting; the immediate sequel with its misunderstandings, quickly, however, removed, greatly interest the reader. The other characters, though clearly drawn, with Mr. Crawford's well-known ability in depicting character, are not the stuff generally that martyrs are made of, yet of them as of the two principal characters we would like to know more, and the author has promised to gratify our wishes. The peculiar ability which Mr. Crawford displays in all his writing of generalizing truth with force and neatness is very marked in this story, and adds much to its charm.—M.

*A Manual of the Procedure at Meetings of Municipal Councils, Shareholders and Directors of Companies, Synods, Conventions, Societies and Public Bodies generally, with an Introductory Review of the rules and usages of Parliament that govern public assemblies in Canada.* By J. G. BOURINOT, C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L., D.L., Clerk of the House of Commons; author of "Parliamentary Procedure in Canada," "Manual of Canadian Constitutional History;" "Federal Government in Canada;" "Canadian Studies in Comparative Politics, etc. Toronto: The Carswell Co. (Ltd.), Law publishers, etc., 1894.

A new book from the pen of Dr. J. G. Bourin-

not is certain to attract some attention. He is certainly the best known Canadian author on constitutional questions, and a number of his works have been regarded as standards for many years. One of the good qualities about Dr. Bourinot's writings is that they are all upon subjects that require explanation or careful scientific handling. His writings are intended to meet the needs of the day, and not merely to gratify what might be called an author's ambition to write about something, or, in other words, to make a new book. It must be said of the present work that it meets a very important demand.

The subjects discussed in the present volume are classed under five divisions: Rules and Usages of Parliament; Rules of Order and Procedure for Public Meetings and Societies; Corporate Companies; Church Synods and Conferences, and Municipal Councils. The subdivisions under each of these headings are very full and complete. It will thus be seen at a glance that the scope of the work is large and covers matters with which every business, professional and public man is constantly concerned, and upon which he requires directions and information in some reliable form, available for ready reference. This is exactly what the present work supplies.

The presentation of scientific, theological, philosophical, and historical subjects, in a popular form on the platform, in the leading reviews, and in the novel, has engaged the attention of many of our best scholars, writers and debaters. Dr. Bourinot has turned his attention to the difficult but very important task of popularizing the study of legal and constitutional questions. In other words, he has brought these studies within the range of practical, busy life. He is doing for these subjects what the author of a good work on hygiene does for anatomy and physiology, that is, he is bringing otherwise technical questions within the reach of the general reader.

The amount of information contained in this volume of 444 pages is very great, and is as varied as it is extensive. The rules that ought to govern all deliberative bodies are clearly set forth. The author is very careful to point out the distinction that exists between such rules of procedure as are drawn from our own legislative assemblies and such as are drawn from those of the United States; for example, such motions as "to lay on the table," "to postpone definitely" or "indefinitely," and "to reconsider" are obtained from the latter source.

The value of the work, as a reference handbook, is greatly enhanced by a very complete index, which occupies 40 pages. By turning to this index a full analysis of the entire volume is found.

The author is to be congratulated upon the excellent matter which is to be found in this new book, and also upon the literary style and taste with which it is presented to the reader. The publishers have done their share well. The paper, type and binding are all that could be desired, even by the most fastidious. Has this work come to stay with us? may safely be answered in the affirmative.—J. F.