

— **BROWNE'S CRUSOE'S ISLAND.***—There are few boys attending any of our schools who have not heard of Robinson Crusoe. To many of them both the hero of the story and his lonely island are a myth. The present work, however, will set at rest many of their doubts on this subject. It contains a narrative of a visit to the island itself (off the coast of Chili) and gives minute details of Selkirk's (Crusoe's) supposed life on the island, with sketches of his favourite haunts, and other places of interest. The book also contains "Sketches of Adventure in California and Washoe,"—these latter adventures are of a very *outré* description indeed. The illustrations are numerous, but many of them look more like caricatures than illustrations of even the rough life of California miners.

— **MOWRY'S ARIZONA AND SONORA.***—This may be considered as a companion volume to the one just noticed, but it is more reliable and valuable. It contains sketches of "the Geography, History, and Resources of the Silver Region of North America." It is brought down to 1864, and includes notices of each of the important silver mines in Arizona and Sonora.

— **HARPERS' TRAVELLERS' HAND BOOK.***—The title of this book will best explain its object: A "Hand-Book for Travellers in Europe and the East; being a guide through Great Britain, Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Sicily, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, Tyrol, Spain, Russia, Denmark, and Sweden, with a railroad map, corrected up to 1864, and a map embracing coloured routes of travel in the above countries." The work extends to about 620 pages of fine clear type in double columns, and evidently contains the cream of Murray's celebrated series of "Hand-Books of Travel." It will be found to be an invaluable companion for the traveller in Europe and the East.

— **NEWMAN'S DAN TO BEERSHEBA.***—The name of Newman attached to this book will doubtless attract attention, but it is proper to state that the work is written by the Rev. J. P. Newman, D.D., an American Methodist Minister. It contains a sketch of "the Land of Promise as it now appears, including a description of the boundaries, topography, agriculture, antiquities, cities, and present inhabitants of that wonderful land; with illustrations of the remarkable accuracy of the sacred writers in their allusions to their native countries. Illustrated with maps and engravings." The field surveyed by the author is extensive enough; but it can scarcely be expected that in 500 pages of a 12mo. book justice can be fully done to so interesting and varied a subject. Nevertheless, Dr. Newman has succeeded in compressing into an easily readable compass valuable information on all the topics contained in the title to his book. In this respect it is superior to the more noted "Land and the Book," by the Rev. Dr. Thompson. To lovers of the *land and the Book*, it will attract more readers than will Dr. Thompson's work. The maps and numerous illustrations are very good.

— **MCWHORTER'S NEW TESTAMENT HAND-BOOK.***—To any student of the New Testament this "Popular Hand-Book" will prove to be an invaluable help. It contains, in a very small compass, an analysis of each book in the New Testament, with introductory sketches of each, and of the objects and circumstances (so far as known) under which they were written. It also contains brief notices of the sources of the texts from which translations or versions of the New Testament have been made down to King James, in 1613 (as well as John Elliot's Indian version). The book also contains some specimens of various original editions of the Testament.

— **BEECHER'S RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF CHILDREN.***—This work, by Miss C. E. Beecher, relates to the "Religious Training of Children in the School the Family, and the Church." In addition to an interesting and valuable series of chapters on the special subject of the work, the book also contains a number of characteristic letters (with replies from the authoress) from bishops and clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Roman Catholic priests, Congregational ministers, including her own brother, the Rev. Dr. Beecher, the wife of a Methodist minister, and from other religious female friends. As an exposition of the views of leading members of some of the various religious persuasions in the United States, on "the relation of children to the church," these letters form an interesting part of the book.

— **LYMAN BEECHER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.***—The Beecher family have become so well known in the American religious world, that this "Autobiography and Correspondence of Lyman Beecher, D.D., edited by his son, Charles Beecher," will prove a valuable addition to the religious biography of the day. A sketch of the life of any eminent minister is generally useful and instructive, but when that minister is the head of a noted family like that of the Beechers, his autobiography becomes in itself an interesting

subject of study. Of Dr Lyman Beecher's children those best known are Dr. Edward Beecher, author of the *Conflict of Ages* and other works; Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, eminent as a preacher and writer; Harriet Beecher Stow, authoress of the celebrated anti-slavery story of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; Catharine Beecher, authoress of the preceding and several other works; and Charles Beecher, the editor of the present autobiography. The two volumes of Dr. Beecher's life now published, relate to a highly interesting period of his public and private life and labours. Several letters to his eldest children, Catharine and Edward, are contained in these volumes, and give a good insight into his own inner life as well as of his children. The autobiography itself contains many items of information in American Church History not contained in formal works on the subject.

— **"CANTONIANA."*** a series of Essays on Life, Literature and Manners," by Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, Bart. In this age of prolific magazine and newspaper writing a man of literary merit must have a good deal of courage to collect his magazine articles and reprint them in the hopes of attracting readers to them. We may therefore often judge not of their intrinsic merit but of the value set upon them by their authors, when we see that they reprint them for perusal by their admirers. In the case before us there can be no doubt of the merit of the articles reprinted, and we have no hesitation in welcoming this volume from the pen of the distinguished ex-colonial Secretary, Sir E. Bulwer Lytton. His earlier and lighter writings have had a peculiar fascination for many readers, but, it is his later and graver writings like these essays on which his literary fame must hereafter rest. The eighteen essays in this book are exceedingly pleasant reading. They are something in the style of the "Country Parson's" essays.

— **"QUEENS OF SONG."*** being memoirs of some of the most celebrated female vocalists who have performed on the lyric stage from the earliest days of opera to the present time. To which is added a chronological list of all the operas that have been performed in Europe. By Ellen Creathorne Clayton; with portraits." The title just quoted so fully explains the object and character of this book that it leaves us little to add. The sketches are forty-one in number, including those of Mesdames, Pasta, Sontag, Malibran, Grisi, Novello, Garcia, Alboni, Goldschmidt (Jenny Lind) and Piccolomini—of which portraits are also given. The book extends to 548 pages, and has a copious index.

— **"THE CANADIAN HOUSEHOLD."***—This is the title of a neatly little monthly magazine, from the press of Lovell & Gibbon, the publisher being A. S. Irving, Toronto. It is devoted to social and moral reform, temperance, literature and instruction; contains several illustrations, and is published at 75c per annum. The present number begins an interesting tale, entitled "Magdalene Nisbett, the Maiden of the Merse." We wish our juvenile Canadian friend every success.

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CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA, AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

— **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.**—We have much pleasure in stating that the Library of our University has within the last week received two handsome and valuable donations. The larger of these amounts to 266 volumes. The value of this donation is enhanced by the fact that the gentleman from whom it has come had already enriched the Library of the University by some considerable donations during last year. We may be allowed to take this opportunity of drawing the attention of our readers to the efforts which are being made to raise this library into a condition which will render it a boon not only to those who are connected with the University, but to those who are interested in literary or scientific pursuits in this section of the Province, and who must feel that in order to carry on such pursuits with success they require to have within their reach a library where they may consult works which they cannot expect to find in a private collection.—*News.*

— **REV. WM. SNODGRASS.**—We notice in the Glasgow *Herald* of the 11th instant that the Senate of the University of Glasgow, at their meeting on Thursday, 9th February, unanimously conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, formerly Minister of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, and now Principal of Queen's College, Kingston.

— **Professor Bell**, of Queen's College, Kingston, has been elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. The *Daily News* says, that he is the only F. G. S. in that part of Canada.