

*Books for Bible Students.* Edited by the REV. ARTHUR E. GREGORY. The Ministry of the Lord Jesus. By THOMAS C. KELLY. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

Our Lord was the model teacher as well as the model preacher. The nearer His disciples come to His spirit and His manner the more successful will their teaching and their preaching be. The common people heard Him gladly, and will gladly hear those who speak in His name and in His spirit. This book is an admirable exposition of the manner and method of the Divine Teacher. It is a thoughtful study of its various aspects, of some of its most striking parables, of our Lord's teaching about the Scriptures, about His own death, about heaven and future retribution. Its study will be greatly helpful to every preacher and teacher.

### Through the Eye to the Heart.

THE blackboard is made a very happy and powerful means of instruction in many of our schools. It should be used in all of them. But it requires some skill in drawing and the board itself is a somewhat cumbersome affair. The best surface is one of prepared plaster, but this is rather expensive. To meet the wants of the average school the Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, Pa., has prepared large diagrams on thick paper. These are not like the Leaf Cluster with its beautiful colored pictures, but simple, suggestive and instructive blackboard diagrams which fix the lesson upon the mind. We don't know the cost of these, but we judge they are inexpensive, and a card to the publishers will ascertain the price. They can be ordered through our Book Room.

On the table, side by side, at the Wadsworth House, Cambridge, Mass., the home of the clergy of Harvard, lie peaceably two of the great rival dictionaries, the Webster International and the Funk & Wagnall Standard. In the former is this inscription:

"To the Harvard University, for the use of the staff of University preachers—for the correction of their English."

"PHILIP S. MOXON,

"of the Staff of 1894-5.

"Feb. 28th, 1895."

This caught the eye of Bishop Vincent, who presented a copy of the Standard with the following inscription:

"To the Harvard University, for the use of the staff of University preachers, thinking that the very best is not too good for them."

"JOHN H. VINCENT,

"of the Staff of 1893-5.

"April 8th, 1895."

### A Good Book for Teachers.

*In Scripture Lands. New Views of Sacred Places.* By EDWARD L. WILSON. With One Hundred and Fifty Illustrations from Original Photographs by the Author. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

There have been many books published on Bible Lands, but there is always room for the best. One of these is Mr. Edward Wilson's volume under review. Some of its chapters and cuts appeared some years ago in that high-class monthly, the *Century Magazine*. These were expanded into a volume which sold, we believe, for \$4.00. This new edition printed on slightly smaller page is republished at \$1.50—a cent apiece for each picture and the descriptive text thrown in—a price which brings it within the reach of a very much larger range of readers.

Mr. Wilson's pictures are not at all idealized. One knows that he is looking at the reproduction of the scene as it really is. The numerous engravings are from photographs by the author who is an expert in this line. It will add wonderfully to the interest of the current Sunday-school lessons if the teachers would pass such a book around the class, and call the attention of the scholars to the pictured scenes.

Mr. Wilson is a vivacious writer. "By mixing with the people," he says, "and wandering tribes, and by becoming mixed with them against my will, sometimes, I have gained some light upon Oriental life, and secured some more apt illustrations for the sacred writings, as well as new and valuable pictures of the countries through which I wandered." Mr. Wilson went a thousand miles up the Nile to the first cataract, and tells the wonderful story of the recovery of the mummy of the Pharaoh of the Oppression. He crossed the desert of Sinai and explored and photographed, as was never done before, the wonderful ruins of Petra, the Rock City of Edom. He traversed Palestine and Syria from end to end—from Damascus to Hebron, from Jaffa to Jericho. He discusses the site of Calvary, and gives his adhesion to the theory of General Gordon. The book throws new light on the Scriptures and gives new interest to their study. We can cordially recommend the volume to Sunday-school and League libraries as the best value that we know for the money upon the subject.

It may help us to bear trial patiently to remember that the refiner is watching the progress of the trial.

"THE essence of greatness is the perception that virtue is enough. Poverty is its ornament. Plenty it does not need, and can very well abide its loss."