

who shrank not from the festering wounds and fevered breath of the sick and dying. Most notable of these was brave "Mother Bykerdy" who loved every soldier as though he were her own son, and who was loved as a mother by every man. Groping by lantern-light on the field of battle for the wounded; boldly bursting the red tape restrictions of officialdom, issuing orders, and obeyed like a captain, forcing her way into the tent of the General, and by sheer force of will securing supplies for her "Boys," she was every inch as much a hero as her brave friend Sheridan himself. For over a month she was the only woman in charge of 1800 wounded soldiers at Chatanooga, in mid-winter, cooking for them out of doors when they were freezing in their tents. So bold was her defiance of authority in the interests of humanity that she was placed under arrest by martinets, only to be vindicated by the General himself.

But the scenes of this book are not all tragic. Some of the stories of the contrabands will move to laughter, to be quickly followed by tears at the touching tale of some death-bed made happy by the sweet singing of the Methodist chaplain, or a last message to a distant home. Mrs. Livermore is well known to many in Canada, and no less, it is affirmed, than 60,000 Canadians served in the Union armies. This book, therefore, will be welcome to many a Canadian reader. It is sumptuously illustrated with numerous steel engravings of scenes of the war, and by coloured lithographs of the regimental colours of the army corps.

*Men, Places, and Things.* By WM. MATHEWS, LL.D. Pp. 386. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Mathew's books have been a great success. His "Getting On in the World," "Words, Their Use and Abuse," "Hours with Men and Books," etc., have had a very phenomenal sale. This they owe to their

lucid style, their good English, their moral helpfulness, especially to the young. The present volume is a good example of the author's wide reading, his keen observation, his incisive criticism. His "Character of Napoleon" is a tremendous indictment of the conscienceless despot. He gives well-etched pen portraits of Archdeacon Farrar, Canon Liddon, Joseph Parker, Stopford Brooke, and William Wirt. He has some biting criticism of Bulwer and Dumas. He discusses the Greatness of London, the House of Commons, Homberg as a Watering Place, What shall we Read, Tricks of the Types, etc. Some of these last are very funny, as when a superfluous *a* make Beza go to sea in a Canadian, instead of a Candian vessel. The volume will be found very racy reading.

*Australia and Homeward.* By the REV. D. VANNORMAN LUCAS, M.A. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 336. Price \$1.00.

Mr. Lucas has given us here a very interesting and instructive volume on the Greater Britain of the Southern Seas. He had unusually good opportunities for travel and observation while in Australia, and he gives evidence of having acute powers of observation and a well trained faculty of description. He gives a graphic account of the fauna, silva, and flora of the country, many of whose animals and products are of a very extraordinary character. He records the marvellous progress that has conjured great cities out of the wilderness within the memory of living men. He gives a thrilling account of the pioneer explorers, Burke and Wills, and other pathfinders of empire in the vast Southern continent. The latter part of the book is a series of racy letters of travel in the Southern Seas, in Ceylon, and homeward through the Red Sea, Egypt, Palestine, Italy, France, and Great Britain. The book is well printed and has a number of illustrative engravings. It deserves, and we hope will have, a large sale.