

fectly astonished at the progress made since emancipation. . . The wonder is that they have managed to live at all, but they have lived, multiplied and progressed in all things which go to make up substantial greatness."

So long as the coloured people will be sober and industrious, pay attention to education, and keep up their church-life, as many of them are doing, they are sure to be a progressive people.—E. B.

*The Tests of Various Kinds of Truth.*

*Being a Treatise of Applied Logic. Lectures delivered before the Ohio Wesleyan College on the Merrick Foundation.* By JAMES MCCOSH, D.D., LL.D., D.L. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

The venerable author of these interesting and instructive lectures is too well known in this county to need any introduction from us. The subject treated in this volume is not only one of great interest but one upon which Dr. McCosh is thoroughly at home. To it he has devoted the study of a lifetime, and on it he speaks with the authority of a master.

*Deaconesses: Ancient and Modern.*

By REV. HENRY WHEELER, Author of "Memory of the Just," "Methodism and the Temperance Reformation," "Rings of Light in the Valley of Sorrow," etc. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. 16mo., pp. 315.

This is a book for the times, and deserves a fuller notice than we can give it at this moment. It is, as the author tells us, an attempt to bring before the reader a brief historical outline of the ancient order of deaconesses, its disappearance in the Middle Ages, and its revival in modern times. The aim of the book is the advancement of woman's work in the Church, for which it seems to be well calculated. And whether all who read it may be able to take as radical ground as the writer, who is

of the opinion that "the Church will not reach her highest development and power until, in spiritual right and privilege in Christ Jesus, every line of distinction between male and female is obliterated, as it is between Jew and Greek, bond and free," they will at least be ready to concede that there is a vast amount of spiritual work which in the very nature of things can be more appropriately and effectively done by consecrated women than by men, and that the employment of her labour in these special fields, to the fullest extent possible, is a duty that the Church owes to God and to the world.

*Mad Margaret and Little Gunnwald.*

A Norwegian Tale. By Nellie Cornwall, Author of "Grannie Treasna's Story," "Daddy Longlegs and his white heath-flower," etc. T. Woolmer, 2 Castle Street, City Road, London. Toronto: William Briggs.

To readers like ourselves who know nothing of the language of Norway some of the names in this book will prove a rather severe trial to their orthoepy. But in spite of some things in it which may prove unpronounceable, it will be found full of interest, abounding with pictures of real life in the land of the Midnight Sun, and teaching lessons which cannot fail to make the heart better.

*Christian Education. Five Lectures delivered before the Ohio Wesleyan University on the Foundation of the Rev. Frederick Merrick.* By REV. DANIEL CURRY, LL.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. 16mo., pp. 131.

Like everything else that proceeded from the same gifted pen, this little book is well worth reading. Dr. Curry has apparently condensed into these five lectures the best thoughts that he had gathered during his lifetime on a subject in which he always took a lively interest, and one which is of great intrinsic importance.