

nameless charm which pervades all Mr. Pearse's books. They are not all sermons; some are parables or allegories, which point and barb a lesson more sharply and surely than even a sermon.

*The King and the Cross.* By JESSIE ARMSTRONG. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is a well-written story, illustrating the stormy period of the French Revolution. A good deal of history, as well as an excellent moral lesson, can be learned from its pages. It is decidedly above the average of Sunday-school books.

*More Than Kin.* By EMMA E. HORN-BROOK. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This excellent story of rural life in England during the time of the Chartist agitation, will give to Canadian readers an interesting insight into a condition of society very different from what obtains in this free country.

*The Church and the Sunday-School Normal Guide.* By JOHN H. VINCENT. New York: Hunt & Eaton.

The Sunday-school system of this continent owes more of its development to Bishop Vincent than to any other man. Whatever he writes on this subject deserves careful attention. The books here reprinted are of permanent importance. A number of excellent cuts and diagrams enhance the value of these pages.

*The Book Divine: How do I Know the Bible is the Word of God.* By JACOB EMBURY. New York: Hunt & Eaton.

This is an excellent book on an important subject. It is not intended to be an exhaustive treatise for scholars, but to put in brief space for thoughtful readers the striking evidences of the Divine inspiration of the Word of God. Two engravings of the Rosetta stone are given.

*Memorials of George William Baxter.*  
Edited by A. R. W. ALLEN. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a life-sketch of a brave young Wesleyan missionary, who after twenty-two months' toil in Western Africa and four months' service in Egypt, ended a life of brilliant promise at the early age of twenty-five.

*Superior to Circumstances.* By EMILY LUCAS BLACKALL. Boston: D. Lothrop Company.

This is a well-written story of American social life, giving evidence of wide and keen observation. We think the report of the transcendental sermon of the Rev. J. Augustus Blanding must be somewhat exaggerated. We hope there are not many such literary fops.

#### LITERARY NOTICES.

The high opinion which we expressed last year of the *Andover Review* has not been impaired by the issues of the last twelve months. For freshness, breadth and ability of treatment and importance of topics discussed, it is not surpassed by any of the Reviews. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The *Atlantic Monthly* (same publishers) maintains unabated its high-class literary character. In the keen competition with the great illustrated Monthlies it relies solely upon the superior merit of its articles. Nearly all the foremost writers of American literature have been contributors to its pages. The announcement for 1890 is not excelled, if indeed it is equalled, by any Magazine in existence.

Professor Alexander's inaugural lecture on English Literature at Toronto University is an excellent introduction to the great theme of his chair. We congratulate the favoured youth who pursue this fascinating study under his skilful guidance.