

unmixed, as "sincere milk of the Word," and, at length, unfeigned. There are also much better derivations of *cant*, *woman*, and several other words, than those here given. The book, however, is exceedingly interesting and instructive, and quickens our apprehension of the hidden beauties and depths of meaning of our common words, and of their clustering associations, often going back to the dawn of historic time and to the cradle lands of the race.

The Prattler. A Picture and Story Book for Boys and Girls. Toronto: Belford Bros.; Methodist Book Rooms. 8vo., pp. 366; cloth, \$1.50; paper, \$1.00.

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ness of definition and delicacy of shading that is quite artistic.

Popular Science Monthly. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

Among the contents of the January number of this valuable Monthly are—"The Earlier Forms of Life," by Professor Hitchcock, in which the discoveries of Dr. Dawson, of Montreal, are duly recognized; "Theories of Primitive Marriage," by Herbert Spencer; the third of Professor Huxley's lectures on Evolution, which are not nearly so satisfactory a treatment of the subject as we were led to anticipate;—if these are the strongest arguments for Evolution that its chief priest can adduce, the verdict, we think, must be "Not Proven;"—Prof. Martin on the Study of Biology; an interesting explanation of the Parallel Roads of Glenroy; Prof. Draper on Science in America; Dr. Farquharson on Mental Overwork—a much-needed warning to brain-workers; an important paper by Dr. Maudsley on the Medical Profession in Modern Thought; a chapter on Sharks, and a sketch and portrait of Sir Wm. Thompson. Many of these articles are illustrated, and, although we dissent from some of their conclusions, ancient wisdom urges us to hear both sides, and to learn even from an enemy.

The Prince of Wales in India; or, From Pall Mall to the Punjab. By J. DREW GAY, Special Correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. Crown 8vo., pp. 364. Illustrated. Cloth, \$1.50; paper, \$1.00. Toronto: Belford Bros.; Methodist Book Room.

Almost like the progress of a conquering hero, of a Cyrus or an Alexander, but with bloodless laurels, and winning the love, not the hate of the native races, was the visit of the heir of Britain's crown to the "gorgeous Inde." But the details of the triumphs of those early conquerors is lost in oblivion, "*carent quia vult*