

all the warmth and colour and vividness of life. The narrative throughout is of sustained and intense interest, in part of tender pathos and in part of sombre sternness, as tragedy, with crimson pall sweeps by. The interest accumulates as the narrative approaches its dramatic close.

All Europe was aghast with horror and dismay at the downfall of Constantinople. The Pope summoned the entire West from Sweden to Naples, from Poland to Britain, to drive the Turk from European soil. But spiritual anathemas and political leagues were alike despised by the victorious invader. He crossed to Italy, attacked and seized Otranto, and would probably have become master of old, as well as of new Rome, had he not been overtaken by death, a conqueror as ruthless as himself.

We have compared General Wallace's book with Gibbon's great masterpiece and can bear testimony to the historic fidelity of the tale, with one exception, namely the introduction of the weird and sombre legend of the Wandering Jew, which lends an uncanny and supernatural tone to an otherwise trustworthy narrative.

As the conquering Mahomet rode from the desecrated church of St. Sophia to the august but desolate mansion of the successors of the great Constantine, now stripped of its glory, a melancholy reflection on the vicissitudes of human greatness called from his lips the distich of Persian poetry--"The spider hath woven his web in the imperial palace, and the owl hath sung her watch-song on the towers of Aphraziash."

We review these volumes with all the more interest because a few months ago we stood beneath those very walls where the final assault took place.

The energy and enterprise of our indefatigable Book Steward, has secured for the Methodist Publishing House the exclusive agency for Canada of this crowning work of General Wallace, which is certain to have a very large and permanent sale.

The Prophecies of Daniel Expounded.

By MILTON S. TERRY, S.T.D.,
Professor of Old Testament Exegesis in Garret Biblical Institute.
New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs.

The Book of Daniel has long been the happy hunting-ground of the prophecy-monger and hobbyist. The ten horns of the fourth beast have been arbitrarily interpreted as setting forth the facts of mediæval history, which has been ransacked to find persons, kingdoms and events answering to the supposed allusions of the prophet. Of these Dr. Terry gives half-a-dozen contradictory examples. The "Little Horn" has been similarly interpreted as the Pope of Rome, the Roman Cæsars, the Mohammedan power, and other vagaries. "One may well be amazed," says our author, "at the amount of imperious dogmatism of some who follow the lines of such unwarranted assumptions." This opinion is also echoed by Archdeacon Farrar. For the elucidation of Dr. Terry's theory that the kingdoms represent the Babylonian, Median, Grecian and Persian Empires we must refer to his able exposition.

Sleep and Dreams; A Scientific Popular Dissertation.

From the German of Dr. Friedrich Scholz, Director of the Bremen Insane Asylum. By H. M. JEWETT. Also, *The Analogy of Insanity to Sleep and Dreams.* By Milo A. JEWETT, M.D., Assistant Superintendent of Danvers (Mass.) Lunatic Hospital. Bound in one volume. New York, London, and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Cloth, pp. 148. Price 75c.

This book is written for popular use. While it makes no large demands upon the knowledge of the laity, it will not be an unwelcome contribution to the science of the mind. Sleep, its Cause and its Phenomena, Dreams, Sleeplessness and its Prevention, and the Analogy of Insanity to Sleep and Dreams, are the subjects treated.