

EPOCHS IN CHURCH HISTORY. Edited by the Rev. Mandell Creighton, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Cambridge.

THE EVANGELICAL REVIVAL OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY. By John Henry Overton, Canon of Lincoln. New York A. D. F. Randolph & Co.

We have read this book with thankfulness. It is conceived in a broad, discerning and truthful spirit, and well executed throughout. We specially desire to mention the chapter on "Results."

THE STATISTICAL ATLAS OF COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY. By E. J. Hastings. Edinburgh and London: W. & A. K. Johnston.

The question of the resources, imports and exports of various countries, is one that must always command great attention from various classes of people. This geography, which gives, by means of diagrams, definite information, obtained from recent reports, will be found exceedingly convenient, a great help to teachers, and interesting to all who care for the commerce of the world.

We have also received the following publications:

The Overland Monthly.

The Atlantic Monthly.

CLASSICS FOR CHILDREN. Ginn & Co. 1. A Primer. 2. Scott's Rob Roy.

HOFFMANN'S TALES FROM HISTORY. (German.) Rivington's.

PRIMARY METHODS AND KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION. By Supt. Hailmann, of La Porte. A. S. Barnes & Co.

RECITATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS. Chas. A. Bates & Co.

THE CONCISE IMPERIAL DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. By Charles Annandale, M.A., LL.D., Toronto: J. E. Bryant & Co. London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dublin: Blackie & Son. Pp. 816. Price \$4.

We take very great pleasure in drawing the attention of those of our readers who have not seen it to this excellent dictionary. We had been led by what we had read and heard to expect that we should find it to be a work of more than ordinary merit, and after examining it pretty thoroughly, com-

paring it with other dictionaries, and testing it in a variety of ways, we have no hesitation in saying that our expectations have been fully met.

While it is based on the "Imperial Dictionary," and has been prepared by the same editor, it is not a mere abridgment of the four volumes of that valuable and costly work. Much of the matter has been rewritten or rearranged, and considerable new matter added. It is, indeed, a marvel of comprehensiveness as well as of conciseness, for while the vocabulary covers only 784 three-column pages, yet by the use of small but beautifully clear type, and by grouping related words in paragraphs, it has been made to contain a very much larger amount of matter than one would at first suppose, more in fact than is to be found in some dictionaries of nearly double the size.

In addition to the convenient size, reasonable price, excellent and attractive binding, paper and printing, we have noted as special merits the fulness and freshness of its vocabulary, which includes many recently adopted scientific, philosophical and commercial terms that are not to be found even in Stormonth or the unabridged editions of Webster or Worcester, the clearness, precision, and methodical arrangement of the definitions, and, lastly, the accuracy of the pronunciation and etymology.

In brief, we feel sure that teachers, students, and in fact all who want a fresh, comprehensive, and reliable English dictionary of convenient size and moderate price, will find the "Concise Imperial" to be just the thing, and will thank us for having recommended it to them. We trust that the enterprise of Messrs. Bryant & Co. may be rewarded with a large and ready sale.

THE House of Lords has recently rendered a decision of interest to all professors and students. Mr. Sime, a student, took *verbatim* reports of Prof. Edward Caird's lectures at Glasgow, and had them printed, arguing, in common with his publisher, that having been spoken in public, they were common property. It was held however, by this great authority, that they were still, though thus delivered to a limited audience, the property of their author and utterer, and within his control.