THE KING OF DAY. By Rev. W. S. Urmy. New York: Nelson & Phillips.

This is one of the best Sunday School books we ever read. It combines the interest of a narrative and the solid information of science with forcible religious teaching. The publishers are doing good service to the cause of Sunday School literature by issuing a series of historical and scientific sketches suited to the capacity of juvenile readers, that will, we hope, largely supplant the weak and watery stories that now deluge our libraries. There is a charm about the fairy tales of science, and those grand deeds, that will woo the youthful student on to the fuller investigation of these fascinating themes. The present work gives in simple language the result of the latest discoveries about the Sun, especially the wonderful revelations of analysis by spectra as to its physical constitution with its terrestrial effects. Its perusal enforces the conviction, which is more than ever true, that "The undevout astronomer is mad."

Daniel Quorm and his Religious Notions. Rev. Mark Guy Pearse. London: Wesleyan Conference Office. Illustrated. 12mo., pp. 170.

This book is also admirably adapted for Sunday School Libraries. It is a most fascinating study of Cornish religious life and character. The central figure is "Brother Dan'el Quorm," the Village Class Leader, -one of those peculiar types of unlettered intelligence and manly vigorous piety that Methodism has so often developed among the lowly. Around him are grouped members of his class, whose portraits are sketched with more than ordinary literary skill. The book derives additional piquancy from the quaint Cornish dialect in which the blended wit and wisdom of Brother Dan'el's opinions are uttered. A rich vein of humor runs through it, subdued at times by touches of rare pathos. We do not envy the person who could read without emotion the exquisite chapter entitled "My Mother's Bible." Our readers will be interested to know that the accomplished author is a cousin of the Rev. W. Williams, of the Canada Methodist Conference.

The Canadian Monthly Magazine. Svo. pp. 95. \$2,93 a year, postage 24 cents. Toronto: S. Rose. Halifax: A. W. Nicolson.

This magazine, we believe, has more than met the most sanguine expectations of its friends. It was not anticipated that it would so soon

acquire such a constituency of attached readers. or such a staff of able contributors. The May number contains articles by the Rev. Dr. McCaul. President of Toronto University; Professor Wilson, of Victoria University; Dr. Cooke, the distinguished Author, of London, England, and by leading writers of the connexion from Halifax to Hamilton. The June number will contain an article of great force and beauty by Goldwin Smith, M. A., late Professor of History at Oxford University, one of the ablest of living writers. Such a galaxy of names would adorn any magazine in the world. Every Methodist professing loyalty to the institutions and enterprises of his Church should take this connexional Magazine, published under the authority and by the direction of the General Conference. It is one of the cheapest magazines in the world; each number contains three or four engravings-two of those already given have been steel, and others are to follow. This year's numbers will make two large volumes of 576 pages each, for the sum of only two dollars. Those wishing to secure the magazine from the beginning should send their subscriptions at once, as only a limited number of copies have been printed and they cannot be reproduced.

Talks with Girls. By Augusta Larned. New York: Nelson and Phillips. Toronto: S. Rose. 12mo. pp. 349.

This is an excellent Sunday School book for higher class girls and young women. Indeed many whose girlhood is long since passed might with great advantage ponder its wise counsels. It is written with a large degree of literary taste and skill, and is thus in marked contrast with a great number of rude and crude Sunday School books. It teaches largely by example, anecdote and illustration; which is a more agreeable mode of imparting instruction than didactic discourse Among the topics discussed are the following: Giving up, Teasing, Romping, Sulking Appearing, Going too far, Helping, Hindering, Forward. ness, Backwardness, Home, Nature, Books, Poetry, Gossip, Beauty and Homeliness, Fashion, Companions, Tact, Health, Friendship, The Seen and the Unseen, and The Happy Life. This is a wide range of subjects, and includes most of the relations of life. We would like to see wholesome reading of this sort common among young women. It would kindle aspirations after an ideal life, and tend to the development among us of a noble type of womanhood.

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