

Desert—the heroic story of the Huguenots; but more pressing duties have prevented the fulfilment of that purpose. Prof. Baird, by his four large volumes, has rendered it unnecessary, but that book is too exhaustive both for the time and patience of the reader as well as the subject. For a compendious account Dr. Hanna's "Wars of the Huguenots" leaves nothing to be desired. It is concise, yet, for most readers, sufficiently full, is clear in statement, and vivid in narration.

Thro' Lattice Windows. By W. J. Dawson. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$2.10.

The writer of these sketches is a well-known minister of the Congregational Church, who spent some of the earlier years of his life in the Wesleyan Conference. He draws upon his ministerial experiences to give vivid pictures of village life in an English midland county. There is a touch of genius in some of his sketches, but some of them are rather sombre in character, representing the pessimistic feeling of this *fin-de-siècle* age. The robust piety and missionary enthusiasm of Solomon Gill is in a more cheery strain.

Beckside Lights. By JOHN ACKWORTH. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

The series of "Clog Shop Chronicles" by this author has been an extraordinary success in Great Britain. This continuation of sketches of Methodist life in Lancashire will be read with no less interest. They are tales of life among the lowly, the "short and simple annals of the poor," with their pathos and their tragedy, their humour and their tears. They show the power of Methodism in transforming rude lives and brightening and improving dark scenes.

The Story of Mr. Gladstone's Life. By JUSTIN MCCARTHY. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price, \$2.50.

This sumptuously printed and splendidly illustrated volume is a noble tribute, by one who knew him well, to the foremost British statesman of his time—the "Grand Old Man," not of England merely, but of the English-speaking world. Now that his life-work is well-nigh done—and a "good day's darg" it has been—little can be added to this summary. The numerous portraits of

persons and pictures of places intimately related to the life of this great man very much enhance the value of the volume.

Brief Outlines of Christian Doctrine. Designed for Senior Epworth Leagues and all Bible Students. By the Rev. E. H. DEWART, D.D. Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price, 30 cents.

This little book is a marvel of compression. It is a whole system of Christian doctrine in sixty-seven pages. These terse, strong, clear statements were contributed by request to the *New York Christian Advocate*, the chief organ of American Methodism. We heartily commend them for use by our young leaders and Bible students in our Sunday-schools.

Martin Luther. By GUSTAV FREYTAG. Translated by Henry E. O. Heilmann. Chicago; The Open Court Publishing Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, \$1.00.

We have had a great many lives of Luther by English writers, but no one can so well sympathize with his point of view as his own countrymen. Luther is the most heroic figure in the sixteenth century. This concise sketch of his life gives a fresh and vigorous presentation of the monk that shook the world.

Racing and Chasing. By ALFRED E. T. WATSON. Illustrated. London: Longmans, Green & Co. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

The Fall of the Sparrow. By M. C. BALFOUR. London: Methuen & Co. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Limited.

We beg to call especial attention to the valuable article on the "School of the Twentieth Century" in this number, by James L. Hughes, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools for the City of Toronto. Mr. Hughes is acknowledged to be one of the best authorities on the philosophy of education on this continent. He is in much request at the great pedagogical gatherings. This paper has been read and discussed at the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the Normal School at Toronto and at the meeting of the National Educational Association at Milwaukee. It makes one regret that he was not born in the twentieth century to share the benefit of such sound philosophy and wise training.