

# Our Book Table.

**CHIPS AND CHUNKS FOR EVERY FIRESIDE.** Wit, Wisdom, and Pathos. By Charles F. Deems, D. D., LL. D. New York: Hunt & Eaton.

Probably there is no clergyman, unless it be Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, to whom a title like this, given to selections from his thoughts, would be more applicable. We regard Dr. Deems as the embodiment, in large measure, of that good, hard sense which should characterize the preacher more, perhaps, than any other professional man, largely because the popular estimate of the clergyman's possession of this most desirable quality is not very vivid. These selections cover suggestions, advice, and thoughts for the home; for old and young; for the business man and the clergyman. Most of them are so short that they can be read by one of the family to the others, and a great deal of instruction and help be thus garnered. We endorse the commendatory words of Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, in the preface: "The qualities which impressed Dr. Deems upon Commodore Vanderbilt, and also upon his son William H., are everywhere evident in this book — honesty of purpose, a clear conception of the object in view, lucidity of statement, and wisdom of suggestion. I am sure this work will be found of value in the home circle, both to the old and the young."

**AN INTENSE LIFE.** By George F. Herriek. Fleming H. Revell: New York. Price, 50 cents.

This is a brief biography of Rev. Andrew T. Pratt, M. D., a missionary of the American Board in Turkey for twenty years. It is pleasant in its tone, and is designed to be a help for those who contemplate missionary service. There are many incidents scattered through the volume, both thrilling and sad.

**CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY.** By the Professors of Chicago Theological Seminary. Vol. VII. Boston: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society.

This is, in a way, a very valuable volume, because it furnishes the judgment of able and scholarly men on the more recent books bearing upon theology — historical, exegetical, practical, and systematic. It embraces within its scope not only English, but German works of note and value. The discussions will be found to be varied and able. Whatever is agitating the surface — for the real depths cannot be stirred — of the theological sea, here finds presentation, and the reader can receive or reject. The clergyman who desires to keep fully abreast of the theological thought of the world, will appreciate this volume, as also the six preceding ones.