

first of those who brought China and America into official relations. The story of his life is extremely interesting and historically suggestive. It is one of those missionary biographies, indeed, which are indispensable to the history of American foreign relations, while the spirit of Christian life is present in it everywhere. We hope it may have a wide reading. [Cong. S. S. & Pub. Society. \$1 50.]

Cyrus W. Field, His Life and Work, edited by Isabella Field Judson. This is a full and well balanced life of one of our great American captains of industry. It is the record of a splendid enterprise, persistence and pluck, diversified by great successes and terrible failures and misfortunes. The recognition of opportunity and the faith to carry through a great work in the face of disheartening discouragements has few finer illustrations. The work of the editor is appreciatively, modestly and thoroughly done, and the illustrations and make-up of the book are excellent. [Harper & Bros. \$2 00.]

Among the men who have struck the key-notes of recent American history must be reckoned *Henry W. Grady*, who became famous through a single speech. What must be called an appreciation rather than a biography of him ("interpretation" is the author's own word) has been prepared by James W. Lee. We would have liked a little more biography. It takes Mr. Lee thirty-four out of 106 pages to reach the first mention of Mr. Grady—which is rather too much waiting in proportion to the dinner. In fact, the whole book is diffuse, grandiloquent and disappointing. There is a good portrait of Mr. Grady and perhaps ten pages of description, characterization and genuine biography—the rest is principally whipped syllabub. [Fleming H. Revell Co. 50 cents.]

BIOGRAPHY.

Two large and elegant volumes contain *The Life, Public Services, Addresses and Letters of Elias Boudinot, LL. D., President of the Continental Congress*, edited by J. J. Boudinot of the New Jersey Historical Society. Elias Boudinot was one of the strong and trustworthy men of the Middle States on whom Washington learned to depend in his long Jersey and Pennsylvania campaigns. Of Huguenot ancestry and belonging to a New Jersey family of eminence, he saw much of the war as a soldier as well as served the colonies as president of the Congress. The book is largely made up of documentary material, much of it of the greatest personal and historical interest. The letters, many of them written in absence on public business to Mrs. Boudinot, are simple, unaffected, straightforward and affectionate. There is abundant material for the historian and for the patriot. Miss Boudinot has succeeded admirably in showing what manner of men her distinguished ancestor and his fellow-patriots were. [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 2 vols. \$6.00, not.]

A typical life of usefulness, beginning with personal consecration and opening into large usefulness, is described in *The Life, Letters and Journals of the Rev. and Hon. Peter Parker, M. D., Missionary, Physician and Diplomatist*, by Prof. George B. Stevens, D. D., of Yale and Rev. Dr. W. Fisher Marwick, D. D.

The child of Massachusetts Congregationalists, educated at Wrentham Academy and Amherst and Yale Colleges, accepted by the American Board as a missionary and having wide views of the work, he added the study of medicine to that of theology and went to China, where he became the father of medical missions, founder of hospitals and