

Thought, a small volume of *Essays Selected from the Papers* of the late Lewis R. Packard, Hills-house Professor of Greek in Yale College. (Ginn & Co.) Only two of these essays were left ready for the press. The others are prepared from notes and imperfect copy. Some of them were designed for lectures to college classes. They all give a high impression of the scholarly attainments and qualities of the lamented author, cut off as he was yet earlier in life than his distinguished predecessor, Professor Hadley, and when he not only had not yet done the work for which he was already equipped, but when he had by no means reached the limits of his powers. This volume of studies will be read with deep interest on its own merits. In the essay on the morality and religion of the Greeks, Professor Packard holds that the Greek religion had its origin back in Aryan times, but neither in Nature worship nor in the deification of ancestors, but in the inborn feeling of need for a Divine Being which in its subsequent evolutions expressed itself in Nature worship, the deification of ancestors, etc. It is possible that in a fuller review of the subject, more importance would have been given to Semitic additions—as, for example, the Hercules or sun god myth. The notes on the Greek plays are rich both in scattered suggestions and in systematic exposition. We take it that the last essay on the beginning of a written literature was intended by the author to apply only to Greece, as in other literatures we have papyrus writings far older than the fifth century B. C. It is probably owing to the imperfect notes left by the author that this limitation is not more fully expressed in the essay.

....Quite out of the ordinary track of the standard Boy's Own Book is the *Boy's Useful Pastimes*, by Prof. Robert Griffith, Principal of Newton High School. (A. L. Burt.) The touch of utility lies on the whole manual, which is compiled with the view of getting the largest amount of good training out of the lad's spare hours and amusements. It treats of tools, and how to use and keep them; of the construction of toys, ornaments, appliances of all kinds, and abounds in models and suggestions for all kinds and departments of youthful work and play. A sensible manual, from the same publisher, deserves brief mention—*Talks with Homely Girls; or Health and Beauty: Their Preservation and Cultivation*, by Frances Smith. The author shows the general principles that are to be relied on in each case, and the limits of possible benefit to be hoped for. Her manual relates to all points of personal appearance and carriage which can be affected by care and training; to dress, manners, conversation, etc. The manual is throughout intelligent and sensible. — *The Young People's History of England*, by George Makepeace Towle, is a popular chronicle, laboriously compiled, with the diligent use of the ample materials which now cover the whole ground of English history. It is too full of details for the best effect as a boy's reading book of history, and too much of a chronicle to answer the highest requirements of a manual, but it displays diligence and a conscientious use of the materials. (Lee & Shepard.)

....An English book of very considerable interest and value, published in this country by the Messrs. Jansen, McClurg & Co., is *Four Centuries of Silence; or From Malachi to Christ*, by the Rev. R. A. Redford, Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics, New College, London. The chapters which compose the volume have formed a series in *The Homiletic Magazine*, from which they are now republished in a handsome 16mo. They give a connected exposition of the period partially covered by the Books of the Apocrypha, but of which, until lately, notwithstanding the certainty that it contained the events out of which Christianity immediately sprang, very little has been known among the people to which, even now, this volume, excepting Stanley, is pretty much all we have to commend to general readers. The history begins with the last of the prophets, and passes on through the gradual rise and organization of later Jewish society, to discuss the evolution of Messianic sentiment, the establishment of the Sanhedrin, the appearance of Philo of Alexandria, the condition of the religious minds of the community in the years next before Christ, and the coming and preaching of John. These topics contain the marrow of the whole history. To understand them is to put Christianity in the right line of its historical connections. We commend Professor Redford's book with confidence that it will prove useful.

....An *Aramaic Method*, Parts I and II, by Prof. Charles R. Brown, of Newton Theological Seminary, belongs to Professor Harper's Series of Oriental Text-books, issued by the American Publication Society of Hebrew, Morgan Park, Ill., and is excellently adapted for purposes of instruction. Part I, issued two years ago, contains texts, notes, and vocabulary. Part II, just issued, contains a compact grammar. The two should be bound together. Such a selection of texts is most convenient. First, we have ten chapters of Genesis given with the Hebrew and the Aramaic (or "Chaldean") Targum of Onkelos on opposite pages. Then the student is directed

to read the Aramaic portions of the Bible (not reprinted, of course). Then follow portions of other Targums on Joshua, Isaiah, the Psalms, and Ruth. We fail to approve the paging of the selections backward. One cannot but be pleased with the absence of the accents after leaving Onkelos, and wishing that some courageous editor would do the same with the biblical Hebrew and Onkelos. A large part of the terror of a Hebrew page comes from the disfigurement of the accents, of which only three or four major disjunctives have any sort of use. Next after Hebrew a scholar must take up Aramaic, and a text-book of this character is very useful.

....In "The Olden Time Series" the Messrs. Ticknor & Co., Boston, propose to publish a number of 24mo volumes, of seventy-five to one hundred pages each, containing gleanings chiefly from old newspapers of Boston and Salem, selected, arranged and annotated by Henry M. Brooks. The first number now out is *Curiosities of the Old Lottery*, an instructive collection curiously illustrative of the dependence of morality on intellectual conceptions. The greater part of these lotteries were allowed by the state in aid of public enterprises of the highest utility—for Harvard College, or Yale College, for the Churches, or to set a-going some industry. The first men in the community set their names to the call, and stood sponsor before the community for honest administration. It has not been the quickening of conscience to perform neglected duty which has changed all this. The intellectual exposure of the lottery itself and of its social tendency has led to new conceptions, and new intellectual conceptions have led to the forward step in morals. Mr. Brooks takes a modest view of his opportunity, and gives his readers little more than a collection of newspaper gleanings from the old newspapers of Boston and Salem.

....An *Apache Campaign in the Sierra Madre*, Captain John G. Bourke, of the Third U. S. Cavalry, gives an account of the expedition in pursuit of the hostile Chiricahua Apaches in the spring of 1883. The book is illustrated with sketches, and gives a vivid conception of what Indian warfare is, and of the principles and methods on which it is conducted. (Charles Scribner's Sons). — The latest number of "The World's Worker Series" is *General Gordon*, by the Rev. S. A. Swain. (Cassell & Co.) — The Messrs. T. Nelson & Sons send us a new and enlarged edition, with numerous but indifferent illustrations, of *Heroes of the Desert, the Story of the Lives of Moffat and Livingstone*, by the "author of Mary Powell." The volume is in the ordinary 24mo size, and would make a good number for the Sunday-school library. — A very modest contribution to the literature of the subject is made in *Egypt, Past and Present*, by W. H. Davenport Adams, who has undertaken to describe its history and monuments, its occupation by the British, and recent events in the Soudan, in a 24mo volume of 380 pages, illustrated with two fairly good woodcuts. (Thos. Nelson & Sons.)

....Among living English essayists none drives a more brilliant pen than Mr. Frederick Harrison, a collection from whose papers has been made by the Messrs. Macmillan & Co., and published under the title of *The Choice of Books, and other Literary Pieces*. The title of the collection is derived from the opening papers, which occupy about one-quarter of the volume, and discuss the question involved in the title on the highest plane, in the best and most inspiring manner. These opening papers deserve to be learned by heart, and would revolutionize the world's reading, and put it on a new and better basis could they form the habits of the people. As for the others, they are no less bright, wise and witty, except for the matter of their religious philosophy, which is of the Comtist type, and amounts to the substitution of æsthetic sentiment for morality. The author, for example, writes with a full and glowing pen of St. Bernard, but with no faith at all in the Christianity which was his life.

....Under the title of *Danger Signals*, the Rev. F. E. Clark, pastor of the Phillips Church, Boston, publishes a series of effective practical sermons on the "Enemies of Youth, from the Business Man's Standpoint." They deserve to be read and circulated. (Lee & Shepard: Boston. O. T. Dillingham: New York.) — We have already noticed the *Life of William Taylor, D.D.*, the Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Africa. A condensed sketch of the same has been prepared by the Rev. E. Davies, with an account of the Congo country and mission, and published for the benefit of the Building and Transit Fund in support of missions established by Bishop Taylor. (Holiness Book Concern, Reading, Mass. Also for sale at all Methodist bookstores.) — For those who wish to read the *Sermons by Sam Jones and Sam Small* we will say that an edition of them is published by J. S. Ogilvie & Co., of this city, under the title *Good News; A Collection of Sermons by Sam Jones and Sam Small*, with a pretty coarse woodcut of "Sam Jones" on the cover to attract the reader.

....The Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co. have made into a pretty thick and full 16mo their complete collection of *Sermons and Addresses Delivered in America*, by Canon Farrar, with an introduction by the Rev. Phillips Brooks. The addresses are well worth preserving, and contain among them the Archdeacon's Temperance Address, together with the lecture on Dante and "Farwell Thoughts on America." The volume contains fourteen sermons. Great as Canon Farrar's charm is in the pulpit, the graces, beauties, and richness of his literary style are sufficient to make him as effective as an author as he is as a preacher or orator.

....The long and ardent friendship subsisting between Professor Ebers, author of "Uarda," etc., and the highly gifted painter Lorenz Alma Tadema has resulted in a delightful tribute of admiring friendship by the author to the artist, in the form of a little monograph on his *Life and Works*, translated by Mary J. Bafford, and published by William S. Gottseger, with thirteen illustrations of Tadema's productions and a fairly good portrait. The volume contains little comparative criticism, but, short of this, is all that could be desired.

....In his *Peculiarities of American Cities* Capt. Willard Glazier writes for "the people," who, however, as far as accuracy and the high qualities of authorship are concerned, are pretty poorly served. The stories he relates are those which float in the atmosphere of every town. As he does not print authorities we do not feel called on to give them serious attention. They are often amusing and entertaining and may be left to stand as they can on that basis. (Hubbard Brothers, Philadelphia.)

....The Rev. Martyn Summerbell, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Christian Biblical Institute, Sanfordville, New York, has published in a convenient form a pastor's manual of *Services for Special Occasions, arranged for Christian Ministers*. It contains several forms for the celebration of marriage, forms for ecclesiastical occasions, sacramental use, and thirteen funeral lessons, with forms for the burial service, etc. It is done with good taste, and will prove a useful little manual.

....Readers who have been interested in the recent symposium on *The Order of Creation, the Conflict between Genesis and Geology*, carried on in a literary controversy between the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Prof. T. H. Huxley, Prof. Max Müller, M. Réville, and E. Lynn Linton, will be glad to see the whole brought together and published in one volume by The Truth Seeker Co.

....The *Catholic Review* begins this week an account of the legislation that will henceforth govern the discipline of the Catholic Church in America, as determined by the Decree of the third Plenary Council of Baltimore and sanctioned lately by the Holy See. The *Review* has received advance proofs of the Decrees.

....The Messrs. Harper & Brothers have more than doubled the value of their *Monthly* by publishing in a volume uniform in size an *Index Alphabetical, Analytical and Classified* to Volumes I to LXX inclusive, from June 1850 to June 1885. The *Index* is compiled by Charles A. Duffee.

....We acknowledge with thanks the receipt from Superintendent Robert A. Maxwell of the *Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of New York*, containing the reports on Fire and Marine insurance. (The Argus Co., Albany.)