

*Sermons for All Sects.* By Caleb D. Bradlee.—Among Mr. Bradlee's twenty-eight sermons, here presented in a handsome volume, the preference of the discerning reader will easily be given to the more practical discourses, in which the author treats the topics of Christian living with a sober and earnest religiousness. When, on the contrary, the preacher gives forth dicta on the relations of God to matter, conceived as eternal, or comprehensively informs us that, "before the advent of Christ, ideas were shadowy, volatile, sensual, foolish," we are constrained to smile, and to remember that Mr. Bradlee must have consulted very poor authorities in history and metaphysics to make such statements. (W. B. Clarke & Co.)

The Unitarian Sunday School Society issue *Bible Class Studies in Liberal Christianity*, by Mr. James E. Thomas, a successful teacher in the Second Church, Boston. They are based on Dr. J. F. Clarke's *Common Sense in Religion*; but numerous references to other books have been added, with appropriate selections of religious poetry, references to Bible passages, and questions. The manual deserves examination from all teachers of advanced classes in our Sunday-schools.

Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost's *Bible Studies on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1889* will be of interest to liberal preachers, as showing some of the improvements in the exposition of the Bible which evangelical schools of thought have made in recent years. We regret to observe that the author has not advanced so far yet as to question the perfect truth of the New Testament accounts of possession by demons. His acceptance of the letter of the narrative sufficiently indicates the critical value of his notes. (A. S. Barnes & Co.)

*Fighting Phil.* The Life and Military Career of Philip Henry Sheridan. By Rev. P. C. Headley.—The untimely death of the great cavalry general of the Civil War calls forth a new edition of Rev. Mr. Headley's biography, first issued in 1865 in the series of "Young Folks' Heroes of the Rebellion." A chapter has been added on Sheridan's later years, his death and funeral. There is no more stirring chapter of the war than the one which Mr. Headley here relates in full detail. (Lee & Shepard.)

*A Sketch of the Germanic Constitution.* By S. E. Turner, Ph.D.—Dr. Turner's brief sketch of the many changes and developments which the state institutions of Germany underwent from 113 B.C. to the dissolution of the empire is based on a thorough study of the German sources. He has comprehended a wide range of matters in a short space by abstaining alike from rhetoric and from philosophizing on the course of events. The exposition is clear and direct; and, as a brief manual for students of this intricate matter, it deserves a cordial reception. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

*The Virtues and their Reasons.* A System of Ethics for Society and Schools. By Austin Bierbower.—This book, intended especially for use in schools, is a very successful attempt at a manual of practical morals. It is entirely independent of sectarian or religious differences, it leaves speculative morality on one side, and it covers with necessary brevity, but also with uncommon point and directness, the whole wide field of human duties. Mr. Bierbower's classification and arrangement of the virtues is excellent; his practical precepts are inspired by a comprehensive and judicial view of human nature in its social relations, and they are often expressed in a felicitous manner. Teachers in public and private schools, and indeed all persons interested in the vital matter of moral training of the young, will do well to examine this work. One of its best uses would also be as a private guide and censor. (George Sherwood & Co., Chicago.)