

THE NEGRO QUESTION. By George W. Cable. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1890. 75 cents.

Mr. Cable's view of the negro question is well known. With all the warmth of a generous heart he has thrown himself into the cause of the negro, believing, and most justly, that the cause of justice and opportunity for the negro is the cause of prosperity and honor for the country, but not always, perhaps, appreciating the difficulties that inhere as things actually are, in securing that justice and providing that opportunity. The present volume is wholly or chiefly made up of articles which have already seen the light in the periodical press; they are too charmingly written not to have found many readers, and most fortunately so; for they bring together a mass of indisputable facts, not as generally known as they ought to be, and they contain a warm and earnest statement of the question from one point of view, and that the one not always brought into the prominence it deserves.

DYING AT THE TOP, or The Moral and Spiritual Condition of the Young Men of America. By Rev. Joseph Waddell Clokey, D.D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Albany, Ind. Chicago: W. W. Vanarsdale. 1890.

The worm at the root of the tree causes a death which begins apparently at the top; so it is the secret, hidden sins which cause the withering away of society in its best, most hopeful members, the young men. This is Dr. Clokey's parable, and he unfolds it with much plain speaking, supported by statistics, by anecdotes from life, and by the testimony of men who have made such matters a study. The picture he draws is dark enough, but yet he is no pessimist, for he does believe that Christianity is leavening the world, and that it will be found a sufficient remedy even for the blackest sins.

PHILIP ST. JOHN. By Mrs. Mary E. Metheny. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. \$1.15.

Though this book has in all respects the appearance of a Sunday-school book, it is by no means a book for the reading of children. It deals with social questions, especially with Sunday work on railways, and with the wrongs of working women. It is probable that the young men and women in Bible classes, would gain some light upon these and other questions from this story, and some impulse to help in righting these wrongs. It is not of a character to appeal to mature minds.