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## REVIEWS.

Be Perfect. By Rev. Andrew Murray. New York: A. D. F. Randolph and Company. 75 cents.

Andrew Murray's books are much prized by persons who seek to cultivate a deep religious feeling. We have here together four men, of all of whom Holy Scripture testifies that they were perfect men, or that their heart was perfect with God. Of all of them Scripture testifies, too, that they were not perfect in the sense of absolute sinlessness. We know how Noah fell. We know how Job had to humble himself before God. We know how sadly David sinned. And of Asa we read that there came a time when he did foolishly. And yet the hearts of these men were "perfect with the Lord their God."

Our Bible: How It Has Come To Us. By Canon Talbot. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 128. Cloth, 50 cents.

An admirable account of the origin of our English Bible, telling the story of the manuscripts, the various versions and their fates, and especially of the noblest and the last, the Victorian version. Every Christian should know the history of the Bible he loves, and yet many a Christian is as ignorant about it as the young man who said, regarding the Revised Version, that if the Authorized Version was good enough for St. Paul, it was good enough for him!

A Bird-Lover in the West. By Olive Thorne Miller. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, and Company. Pp. 278. Cloth, \$1.25.

"All the world loves a lover," and few loves are more admirable or admired than a love of nature, and especially a love for nature's darlings, the birds. In Mrs. Miller's charming pages we are often led to forget ourselves, and almost come to think of these "little brothers of the air" as veritable human beings, with loves and hatreds, fears and joys, precisely like our own.

The Heroic in Missions. By Rev. A. R. Buckland, M. A. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. 112. Cloth, 50 cents.

One of the very best ways to become heroic is sympathetically to read the lives of heroes. Nowhere can such lives be found in greater abundance than in missionary records. From the recent annals of the Church Missionary Society of England, this inspiring little book draws the history of eight missionary heroes, men whose lives were so patient and strong and brave that merely to read of them makes us noble also. Incidentally we learn much also about the mission fields of this great English missionary society.

Our Wonderful Bodies. By Joseph Hutchison, M. D., LL. D. New York: Maynard, Merrill, and Company. First Book, Pp. 128. Cloth, 30 cents. Second Book, Pp. 222. Cloth, 50 cents.

Two capital temperance physiologies for the primary and grammar grades. The health hints are wise, and brightly put. Here is a sample of the style: "Water is good for us because it adds to the strength of the bones and muscles; it helps dissolve or soften the food in the stomach, and it replaces a part of the fluid given off in the form of perspiration. Alcohol weakens the bones and muscles, toughens the food in the stomach, and dries up, by its own heat or power of destroying, the water in the body. You can understand now why alcohol is injurious. As it dries up the water in the body, people who have drunk a large quantity of alcohol are always thirsty. Sometimes they say, 'I cannot understand why I am so thirsty when I have drunk so much cider.'"

Key-Words of the Inner Life. Studies in the Epistle to the Ephesians. By F. B. Meyer. New York and Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company. 50 cents.

"A walk is made up of steps. Though a man circle the globe, yet he must do it by one step at a time. So life is made up, for the most part, of trifles, of common-places, of the reiteration of familiar and simple acts. And what we are in these, that will be the color and value of our lives in the verdict of eternity." We are much blessed in the constant use of the books of Mr. Meyer, and prize this last as evidently one of the best.

The Friendship of Jesus. By Rev. Frank Samuel Child. New York: The Baker and Taylor Company. 50 cents.

"Kinship does not always bind two souls into intimacy. There may be such lack of affinity and mutual understanding that the two find it impossible to get close together, just as deep, dark cañons divide some Western landscape, and make access and communication between the two parts difficult and infrequent. But friendship cements souls so that there is the flow of a common life." This is an exquisite little volume.