



## ON THE BOOK TABLE

—*Prayer Changes Things*. By S. D. Gordon. A helpful volume of three chapters on "Prayer Changes Things," "The New Spelling of the Word Ask," and "Pitching Tent on Olivet." It will quicken the faith of the wavering and give encouragement to the discouraged. (Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, 35 cents net).

—*World Book of Temperance*. Third Edition, 1911. By Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts. A book of temperance lessons, Biblical, historical and scientific. An excellent book for use in teaching the Sunday-school temperance lessons, or in any kind of temperance work. The authors are so well known that the book will be eagerly read. It has been prepared as a labor of love, and all that is received by the sale of it is to be put into its improvement and free circulation in all parts of the world. (The International Reform Bureau, Washington, D. C., \$1 net).

—*The Law of the Tithe, as Set Forth in the Old Testament*. By Arthur V. Babb's, A. B. A clear, convincing work on tithing which may be easily read by the average Christian. The illustrations are drawn from Biblical sources. Some of the chapter headings are: Universality of the Tithing Idea; The Tithing Law Stated; The Problem of Ministerial Support (B. C. 1500); Voices of the Hebrew Fathers (Prophets and Talmudists); Voices of the Fathers of the Christian Church; Voices of Men Eminent in the Modern Church; An Instance of Bible Giving; Tithing vs. Church Fairs, etc.; Tithing in Concrete, Modern Instances; Answers to Objections; How to Organize a Tithing Church; and A Vision of the Church to Be. (Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, \$1.50 net).

—*The Stolen Bridegroom and Other East Indian Idylls*. By Anstice Abbott. Four stories portraying the life of women in India; women of high caste, of low caste and of no caste at all. The stories show the sharp contrast between the heathen and the Christian religions, and the importance and blessing of the work done by consecrated Christian missionaries in that land of superstitious darkness. (Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, 75 cents net).

—*Present Day Conservatism and Liberalism*. By James G. Butler, D. D. A concise and comprehensive statement of the difference between present day conservatism and liberalism. Conservatism is a positive system founded upon the revealed and verified facts of the Bible, and its results are seen in the existing world-wide Christendom. The author states that liberalism is a negative and destructive system which denies and ignores divinely revealed facts, and adduces argument founded upon baseless theories, assumptions and assertions. The author deals with church creeds and Christian experience; up-to-dateness, when desirable and when undesirable; the true place and meaning of conservatism in present day use; and the theory of evolution, the underlying root of liberalism; the denial and elimination of the supernatural; the theory of autonomous mind; higher criticism; the new theology; the God-head an eternal trinity; the place and work of Jesus Christ; and peril from modern thought. Modern thought imperils the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit, and the integrity and

sufficiency of the Word of God. (Sherman, French & Co., Boston, \$1 net).

—*The Battle of Principles*. By Newell D. Hillis, D. D. The gifted pastor of Plymouth Church has written so vividly of the heroism and eloquence of the anti-slavery conflict that the reader feels himself to be a participant in the events described. The object of the book is to enkindle a new patriotism in the breasts of the youth of the land in this age when democracy is sweeping over the world. The titles of the various chapters reveal the scope and completeness of the book. The author begins with *The Rise of American Slavery: Growth of the Traffic*. Then follow chapters on: Webster and Calhoun; The Battle Line in Array—Garrison and Phillips; Anti-Slavery Agitation—Charles Sumner; The Appeal to Educated Men—Horace Greeley; The Appeal to the Common People—Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown; The Conflict Precipitated—Lincoln and Douglass; Influence of the Great Debate—Reasons for Secession; Southern Leaders—Henry Ward Beecher; The Appeal to England—Heroes of Battle; American Soldier and Sailors—the Life of the People at Home Who Supported the Soldiers at the Front—Abraham Lincoln, the Martyred President. This book should be read by every pastor, by every public school teacher, by every young person in the high schools, colleges and universities in the country. It is a clear and masterly presentation of the subject considered. (Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, \$1.20 net).

—*Europe and Its People*. By Professor W. S. Monroe, State Normal School, Montclair, New Jersey; and Miss Anna Buckbee, State Normal School, Philadelphia. This is an introductory geographic reader for the fifth school year. Its aim is to teach children the fundamentals of the geography of Europe, in their relation to the earth's structure and related industries. Europe is divided into a few large units and each unit is briefly described. The points in each chapter are briefly summarized at the close. Undoubtedly this volume will have as great success as the preceding one, "Our Country and Its People," by the same authors. (Harper & Brothers, New York, 40 cents net).

—*Dave Porter on Cave Island*. By Edward Stratmeyer. This is the eighth volume of the Dave Porter series, in which Dave again proves himself to be a hero, the kind of hero that exists only in books. Nevertheless, the tale is interestingly told, and it is a safe book to put in the hands of boys. Dave returns from "Oak Hall" to his home for the Christmas holidays. While there, a mysterious robbery occurs which threatens to ruin his benefactor. Dave and his chums pursue the robbers to Florida and then to Cave Island, where many exciting experiences occur, and Dave, as usual, triumphs. (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., Boston, \$1.25).

—*Molly McDonald, or a Tale of the Old Frontier*. By Randall Parrish. The daughter of a military officer leaves her school in the East to join her father at a military post in Kansas, during the Indian wars of 1863. Indians attack the stage coach, but she is saved by Sergeant Hamlin. Later on, she is abducted and lost in a terrific

snow storm for two days; but Hamlin again rescues her. The story is told with this author's usual dashing style and vivid descriptions; and the reader's attention is held from first to last. (A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, \$1.35 net).

—*The Tahquitch Maiden, a Tale of the San Jacintos*. By Phebe Estelle Spalding, professor in Pomona College, Claremont, Calif. A charming and well-told tale of the San Jacinto Mountains. On the summit of Tahquitch Mountain is a peculiarly shaped rock called Tahquitch Rock, which, according to Indian lore, covers the doorway of a deep cave in which Tahquitch (the devil), dwells. Centuries ago Tahquitch carried off a beautiful Indian maiden to be his bride. From this old legend many other legends have arisen, and Miss Spalding, in beautiful, pure, chaste, simple language, with the skill of the artist and the genius of the poet, has given us an entrancing story evidencing great originality. The Tahquitch maiden refused to marry except for love, and her father, angered because she would marry none of the warriors who came seeking her hand, ordered that she be burned to death. While his orders were being carried out, at midnight, winged warriors carried her to the peak which men have named, in mistaken faith, for the spirit of wrath, and there she lives and ever shall live, content and blessed with unfading youth and happiness. We hope that Miss Spalding will reveal to the wider public many more of the charming, poetic legends of Southern California. The book is gotten out in the gift-book style and the beautiful decorations are by Jean Oliver. (Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco).