

A Glimpse of the Book Table*

NEW VOLUMES RECEIVED FROM MANY PUBLISHERS.

"Day Dreams and Even Song." By Fred-eric Fairchild Sherman. \$1.10 net. James Pott & Co.

This is a dainty little collection of Mr. Sherman's verse, which he has from time to time contributed to various papers and magazines. It contains some lyrics and quatrains and an ode. Mr. Sherman has true poetic sense and facility, and his verses will be read with pleasure.

"The Apostle Peter: Outline Studies in His Life, Character and Writings." By W. H. Griffith Thomas, B.D., Vicar of St. Paul's, Portman Square, W., London. With a Photogravure Portrait of the Author. Price, \$1.25. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Chicago, Toronto.

The main purpose of these excellent outline studies is to offer to Christian people some help and guidance in their personal meditation on the Scriptures, and some additional materials for closer study in view of Bible-class work. The outlines are meant to be worked through Bible in hand, by a careful use of the references given. A short bibliography of the Life and Epistles of St. Peter is added. There is much spiritual nutriment in this volume, if it is used as intended in close connection with copious citations from the Bible—on which it is a kind of running commentary along the line of its own particular subject.

"The Epistle to the Ephesians." By Joseph Parker, D.D. Price \$1.25. A. C. Armstrong & Son.

This is the second volume in the "Practical and Devotional Commentary on the New Testament," edited by Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll. The work is similar to the well-known Expositor's Bible. The first volume is upon Colossians and Thessalonians, the last work of Rev. Joseph Parker, D.D., the author of the present volume. The plan of the work involves a presentation of the books of the New Testament from a practical point of view, making them also aids to devotion. In carrying out this conception, advantage is taken of modern scholarship in a sane and conservative way. This volume is full of the brilliant rhetoric of the eloquent author, illustrated by a vivid imagination, and eminently suggestive. It is sure to be both popular and useful.

"A Short History of the Westminster Assembly." W. Beveridge, M.A. \$1.00, net. T. & T. Clark, 38 George street, Edinburgh. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

This little work is nothing more than what it professes to be, a short history of the Westminster Assembly. It is a fair and accurate statement of the historical facts associated with the Assembly. The author has done his best to work over for himself and with his own eyes the materials on which the history is based.

"The Matrimonial Bureau." By Carolyn Wells and Harry Persons Taber. \$1.50. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Miss Wells has done much that is amusing and witty, and her fame as a rhymist is so well established and her work so

clever, that her new book needs no recommendation beyond the fact that it comes from her pen. Miss Esther Adams, a middle-aged maiden lady, has a German maid who wins a decent husband through a matrimonial bureau. On thinking this over the idea comes to Miss Adams that she will pursue the methods of such a bureau and make matches for three attractive young friends in her little town. She sets about it at once, and invites to her house her nephew, a young army lieutenant, whose arrival forms the nucleus of a house-party which soon grows to a jolly size. The situation develops rapidly and in surprising directions, until the bewildered matchmaker is brought nearly to distraction. The complications are finally untangled, but only after a series of audaciously humorous situations. The rapid fire of conversation, of which the book is largely composed, has all the spirit of lightness and fun. Miss Wells and Mr. Taber have collaborated on several occasions, but never before with such marked success.

"Modern Industrial Progress." By C. H. Cochrane. \$3.00, net. J. B. Lippincott Co.

A new volume which describes in plain, practicable, and yet accurate manner what has been done in the last few years, especially in the fields of invention and mechanical construction. The book tells of the making of sky-scrapers, of armor-plate, of the great guns, etc.; of the discovery and application of the principles of wireless telegraphy, in fact, it covers the whole field of industrial progress. It is profusely and beautifully illustrated with reproductions from accurate photographs and drawings.

"Veranilda. A Romance." By George Gissing. \$1.50. E. P. Dutton and Company, New York.

This posthumous story, by the young writer of promise who died in his prime, is an historical romance of Rome and Italy, in the sixth century, the time of Justinian, Belisarius and the conflict between orthodoxy and Arianism. The tale is romantic enough, and so evidently on the way to "end right," that the lack of a closing chapter or two is unimportant. It is a good love-story, and is superior to the average historical novel in its scholarly and vitascope picture of the time, and in its restrained and finished style, rather than by any touch of genius.

"Business." By L. de V. Matthewman. Pictures by Tom Fleming. J. L. Lippincott & Co.

The author dedicates his book neither to the bulls nor to the bears, but to those who pass on the shady side of the street. The author believes that to men of broad mind, business may be something more than simple business, and he has written some aphorisms, which are calculated to produce laughter, for the "bull, the bear and the lamb alike." Here are two or three which will illustrate his meaning:

"Whether the bull or the bear wins, it is a cold day for the lamb."

"The man who bolts his lunch in five minutes, could not be convinced that he ought to be sent to an asylum."

"Circumstances are the nails on which the weak hang their failures; with which the strong clinch their successes."

"If every man received what was due, and paid what was due, no redistribution of wealth would be necessary."

"No success is sure; no failure final."

"Something attempted, something done, is a good day's work."

"The Heavenly Voice." A life of Christ in blank verse; His work and word in sonnets. By Margaretta Ayres Karr. Price \$1.00, net. Eaton & Mains, New York.

This is a sweet and attractive lyric of the Cross, written, as the author believes, in obedience to an intimation of the Spirit of God given "to irradiate the inner and outer life with increasing glow," and lifting life from its littleness of human aims and selfish endeavors. Fugitive pieces written by the author have appeared in religious periodicals, and this volume gathers up and expresses, while supplementing, some of the best of their thoughts and reflections. The book is spiritual in tone, and graceful in style—using the word grace in a deeper sense than ordinary—and the paraphrasing of the Scripture narratives is accurate, while imaginative. The story of the Christ is lovingly sung, and the one great theme of redemption is adorned by many a noble turn of thought, and illustrated by many an affecting picture of "Love Divine, All Love Excelling."

"The Mysterious Beacon Light." By George E. Walsh. 355 pages. \$1.50. Little, Brown & Co.

The adventures of four boys in Labrador are well told in this book. Shipwreck, experiences with wreckers and thrilling adventure make up a story that will fascinate boys. Mr. Walsh is as successful in writing for boys as he was in his first story, "The Mysterious Burglar," published some years ago.

"Strenuous Animals. Veracious Tales." By Edwin J. Webster. Illustrated by E. W.

*Any volume mentioned in these columns may be secured at the publisher's price by addressing the Business Manager of The Observer. Where the book is marked net, postage should be added.

Kemble and Bob Adams. \$1.00. Frederick A. Stokes Company.

Impossible Animals, or Ridiculous Animals would have better described the book than its title. They are very silly beasts and birds.

"Adam and Eve. History or Myth." By Professor L. T. Townsend, D.D. The Chapple Publishing Co., Boston.

One need not be a profound scientific student to appreciate Professor Townsend's arguments in support of the plain Bible teaching concerning the origin of man. The opposition of science, falsely so called, remains with us and will to the end of time, but he who is deceived thereby is not wise. This comparatively small volume says more in its one hundred and thirty pages than whole volumes.

"St. John and His Work." Rev. Canon Benham, D.D. "Connection Between Old and New Testaments." Rev. George Milne Rea, D.D. Two of the Temple series. J. B. Lippincott Co.

We have called the attention of our readers from time to time to the volumes of this series previously issued. These additions will be welcomed by all interested in the matter presented. Their handy size and plain type will help commend these neat little volumes to every student.

"Three Dukes." By Ystridde. G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.20.

A story of Life in Russia, in which a clever English girl, a governess in the family of a Russian Excellency, is the heroine. If the book is true to life it furnishes one more reason for being thankful that one is not a Russian, either peasant or noble, and for the further conviction that for the good of the whole world Russia should be confined within her present boundaries until she becomes a civilized state and her society is regenerated.

"The Ethics of the Christian Life; or, The Science of Right Living." By Henry E. Robins, D.D., LL.D., some time president of Colby University and professor of Christian Ethics in the Rochester Theological Seminary. Price \$2.00, net. Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia.

This thoughtful volume is an enlargement of the smaller work published some years ago, by Dr. Robins, entitled, "The Harmony of Ethics With Theology," which was an attempt to exhibit in their relations "certain generally accepted facts and truths of our common faith."

"Up the Forked River; or, Adventures in South America." By Seward D. Lisle. Illustrated. Henry T. Coates & Co., Philadelphia.

This is number two of the Strange Adventure Series. "Jack Starland," just

graduated from Harvard and the Spanish War, takes some friends around Cape Horn in his steam yacht, and, going up Forked River, in South America, they have most amazing and thrilling adventures with the presidents of two miniature republics. It is not a boy's book, full of instruction, but, frankly, a novel of adventure, and no great literary gifts are wasted on it.

"Two of the Guests." By Kate Gertrude Prindiville. James Pott & Company.

Here is a little love story, distinctly a book "without a purpose," but which may therefore serve one, the purpose of entertainment. "Two of the Guests" is the history of a week's end party and the love affair resulting. The characters of the story are people one likes and will remember.

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