

waning of plant-life during an average season in the northeastern United States, and the object of an excellent book is greatly assisted by a great number of notably good illustrations. [The Baker & Taylor Co. \$1.50.]

Etc., Etc.

Three books of scientific matter in popular form are *Botany: the Story of Plant Life*, by Julia MacNair Wright; *Flowers: How to Grow Them*, by Eben E. Rexford; and *Astronomy: the Sun and His Family*, by Julia MacNair Wright. The little books are all written in pleasant fashion and contain much information and suggestion for service in summer days and nights. [The Penn Publishing Co.]

POETRY.

Creep Afore Ye Gang.

This is a "Sang o' Hame, Luv an' Freedom," sung by John Freeland Robertson for "poor auld Scotland's sake." The morals of the one hundred and eleven eight-line stanzas are unimpeachable—so far as we can unearth them; humility and the brotherhood of man are their creed; but so very broad is the Scotch that we can not read it with pleasurable ease even by aid of the glossary thoughtfully appended. One stanza we quote as an example of Mr. Robertson's philosophy:

Faur bigger fowk than we, a sicht,
Fu' aften get a fa';
In fechtin faur aboon their micht
Ambitious tae be brow!
An' aft enew like them, we chap,
In strivin' tae be strang,
Ye'll miss ye're stap an down ye'll flap!
Sae creep afore ye gang.

Those who have opportunity to borrow the book will be repaid by the illustrations, which are beyond our powers to describe. [New York: J. B. Cowdin.]

MISCELLANY.

Church Sociables and Entertainments.

Puzzled committees may find some cause for gratitude in this little book from the *Ladies' Home Journal* library. Nearly fifty short chapters are filled with suggestions for social church gatherings. [The Doubleday & McClure Co. 50c.]

Methods and Problems of Spiritual Healing.

Mr. Horatio W. Dresser, the author of *Methods and Problems of Spiritual Healing*, states that he does not in any way subscribe to the creed of the Christian Scientists, and that, furthermore, he does not accept the full creed of any sect that advocates mental remedy for disease. That in his mind there is a difference between Christian science and other forms of mental healing Mr. Dresser implies only; a more explicit distinction would have added to the book's clearness. Having suggested his ground Mr. Dresser lets it be clearly seen that his interest and sympathy have been very strongly roused, and that in the principle of spiritual healing he has faith, holding that "the methods and beliefs of the mental cure . . . evolve into the broader affirmations of a consistently progressive philosophy." Mr. Dresser's book is theoretical rather

SCIENCE.

Field, Forest, and Wayside Flowers.

An excellent book is this to be included in the summer equipment of those who seek the country for their summer holidays. Maud Going (E. M. Hardinge) has written her book especially for people who have not time nor inclination to become real students; but in pleasant fashion, in language not too scientific, she manages to convey in these "untechnical studies for unlearned lovers of nature" a good deal of useful information about flowers, ferns, grasses, and sedges. Her chapters are arranged to follow the waxing and

than practical, and his saneness and moderation will win respectful attention even from those who do not accept his views. [G. P. Putnam's Sons.]

An English View of Christian Science.

Very different from Dr. Newton's views are those expressed by Anne Harwood in the little book to which she gives the sub-title of "An Exposure." She presents her case in the form of a personal experience which left her in the belief that Christian science was an imposture. [Fleming H. Revell Co. 35c.]

Between Cæsar and Jesus.

Between Cæsar and Jesus is a course of eight lectures, delivered by George D. Herron in Chicago during the autumn of 1898. The design of the work is to show the relation of the Christian conscience to economic and social problems. Mr. Herron attacks trusts, private ownership of natural resources, and excessive individual wealth, and the remedy he urges for existing evils are Christ's example and the power of love. Mr. Herron's spirit is intensely polemic, but his deep feeling and evident sincerity give dignity to his words. [Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. 75c.]

A Handbook of Labor Literature.

In this "classified and annotated list of the more important books and pamphlets in the English language" Helen Marot has compiled an exceeding helpful book for students of the labor question. The object of the handbook was to facilitate the search for definite information; and while even the compiler disclaims satisfaction with the result, the list is very full and probably as complete as is possible in the case of a contemporary literature constantly increasing. The list of labor periodicals is valuable, as is also the index and the list of publishers' addresses. [Philadelphia: Free Library of Economics and Political Science. \$1.00.]

Anecdotes and Morals.

Dr. Louis Albert Banks has here collected over five hundred anecdotes in illustration of moral truths; almost all of them are based on incidents of recent occurrence. They are related with brevity and point, and the morals are carefully explained. Public speakers, especially on religious topics, will find the book interesting, and the accessibility of the contents is increased by the alphabetical and topical index. [Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$1.50.]