

of the last twenty years is the most useful portion of the book, in which we get a good account of the recent difficulties and the present conditions of this in many ways unfortunate country. The publishers have provided twenty-four excellent portraits, which add interest and value to the book.

*Italy in the
19th century.*

Mrs. E. W. Latimer has added to her series of contemporaneous history a volume on "Italy in the Nineteenth Century" (McClurg). It is history made easy for both writer and reader, being largely historical gossip gathered about an outline of facts that is none too clear. The author's historical judgments and many of her facts are those generally current, rather than the results of profound study of the sources. It is to be said, however, that in the other volumes of the series, if not in this, the author modestly disclaims profound scholarship, her aim being to bring together an interesting tale for him that reads as he runs. In this she succeeds, though not so well in this volume as in some of the others. Her personal experiences and observation have not served her as well, and the subject is more difficult in itself to give unity of interest. The account of the history