... It is not difficult to find faults, negative and positive, in Dr. Joseph Parker's books. He is not born to meet criticism, nor to do work is not born to meet criticism, nor to do work whose effect depends on perfect form and faultiess execution. But it is more difficult not to see that he is a useful power in his age, nor to find the indications and roots of that power in his books. The last before us is his Apostolic Lift, as Revealed in the Acts of the Apostles. (Funk & Wagnalls.) The picture is, in many respects, coarsely sketched and sadly imperfect. The remarks in Stephen's speech, for example, illustrate defects we can easily find in all parts of the book. There is little or no deep stu the address, no comparison of it with other apostolic addresses, nor with the subsequent teaching of Paul; no hint of a suggestion that it may have given Paul the tirst glimmering of the light which afterward filled his mind. of this kind Dr. Parker does not do and was not born to do. It does not touch his case to complain that his books do not contain it. Their strong point is that they have the power in them of the man who has for thirteen or fourteen years sustained, in the busy part of busy London, at the busy hour of noon, a prayer meeting crowded with busy men. The sort of power that crowded with busy men. The sort of power that feeds the great congregation at the City Templo is in these studies. The broad he gives them is here, drawn from the New Testament, and fitted to their needs.

.. A volume on domestic economy, well worth examination, is Hints on the Drainage and Sco-erage of Ducilings, by Wm. Paul Gerhard, C. E., (Wm. T. Comstock,) a 16mo of about 300 pages, which states clearly the correct principles and which states clearly the correct principles and methods, shows by copious intelligible diagrams the ordinary variations, neglects and defects which bring families to grief, and comains in large varietyand tull detail descriptions and drawings of the means and appliances that may be relied on, and the principle of their construction and operation. For full, intelligent treatment of and operation. For full, intelligent treatment or all questions involved, both in theory and prac-tice, relating to the causes of trouble, the the-ories involved in their treatment and the me-chanical appliances available, this is the very best manual that has yet appeared. drawings and diagrams are simple, and easily understood. The remarks on the Durham sys tem of plumbing are worth careful attention, as indeed, the system itself is, with nothing further to be said against it than the general caution implied in the fact that it has been taken up as the special property of a manufacturing corpo-ration. This manual is as useful for the country as for the town, and when a full supply of water cannot be had, is suggestive as to methods that can be reded on to reduce the danger to the lowest point.

..... A Bachelor's Talks about Married Life and Things Adjacent, by William Aikman, D.D. (Fowler & Wells), is a collection of talks on home and the life in it, with good sense, good spirit, brightness, and love of things noble and gental, as well as a sound philosophy as to the methods of attaining them, shining through its pages. Beginning with the marriage of two young people on a moderate income, it follows them through the years of small beginnings, to those of increasing cares, into the noonday of a happy, helpful and frutful life. The Talks are on such topics as Housekeeping, Babies and Obedient Babies, Children's joining the Church, The brst "No!" is the Thing, The Sabbath, Little Courtesies, Promises to Children, and many other topics of home and the life in it. The chapters are many, but short, and short for the reason that the author can express himself in brief terms without dropping into a jerky style. The "bachelor" element of the book is something very different from the well-groomed self-lahness of the club-house man, and from the dreamy uxuriance of the "Ik Marvel" invention, and is a happy combination of the big brother with the bachelor unles.

.... Grey Hawk: Life and Adventure Among the Ked Indians, by James Macaulay, A.M., M.D., (Lippincott & Co.) is a story founded upon a "Narrative of John Tanner's thirty years' captivity among the Indians in the interior of North America," published in 1830. He had been carried off when a boy from Kentucky by the Shawnees, who passed him over to

the Ojibbeways, whose chief bought him and gave him to his wife, who adopted him in place of a son who had died. He lived among the Indians thirty years, and, then, about fifty years ago, came to this city, where he excited much interest. His Indian name was Greyhawk, though from his father he bore the name of John Tanner. He was then in the employ of the Federal Government as an Indian interpreterat Sault de St. Marie, whither, after a time, he returned. This story is based on this history, and its interest depends on its success in carrying the reader back to the prehistoric time when Chicago was Fort Dearborn, and when our Western States were the Red Man's ground.

strongly Mr. Justin McCarthy's new book, A Shot Ilistory of Owr Own Times, from the Accession of Queen Victoria to General Election of 188°. Its title is not as exact as it should be; for the work is almost exclusively a record of events in the civil and political history of Great Britain. In its general scope the work is narrow, and the English Parliament and the career of Parliamentary leaders occupy the lion's share of its pages, and are its most carefully prepared element. Such a tendency is natural to Mr. McCarthy; but it has been unfortunate for the us-fulness of his book. Double the space is, for instance, devoted to the closing events of the career of Lord Palmerston to that allowed to the whole of the Civil War in America and those international questions which it developed. There is too much condensing here and to latte there, and Mr. McCarthy's political prejudic s are not as entirely climinated from the spirit of his book as we could wish. (New York: Harper Brothers.)

....The Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton publish, in The Englishman's Bible. by Thomas Newberry, what we fear we shall have to call another monument of misdirected erudition. It proposes, by an elaborate system of signs, to give the reader, who knows nothing of the original, a scholarly acquaintance both with the substance and the refluements of it. This system of signs refors to facts in the Greek text, intelligible only to students who know Greek, and, as applied to the English text, have no meaning except the one general one that a patient and industrious scholar has wasted so much of his life on an illusion. The book is not wholly without value as it stands. It represents a large amount of good work in the study of the text. A student that mastered it would have a deep and solid training to build on. But it would have been easier and better to have learned Greek and worked in the ordinary way. The method is bad for the reason that it costs more than it is

....The Rev. George C. Lorimer publishes a 16mo volume of sermons on Jesus the Work's Saviour. Why He Is, Why He Came, and What He Did. (S. O. Griggs & Co., Chicago.) No attempt is made in these sermons at scholarly, philosophical or critical treatment of the subjects. They are bold, strong, everyday sermons, addressed to plain men on the themes which concorn them above all others. The Luthor has, however, a theology and a philosophy of his own, and he sticks to them in his preaching. The s-rmons are packed with illustration, and suggest that Dr. Lorimer makes a systematic use of his note-book in their composition. Without such assistance a mass of illustrative matter like thus could hardly be brought into use. We need not add that the sermons abound in indications of a rich fund of the preacher's highest wealth—a personal acquaintance with the needs of the human heart and of its experience under the operations of grace.

....Encouraged by President White, of Cornell, Mr. Richard T. Ely, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Economy in Johns Hopkins, publishes an excellent brief manual of French and German Socialism in Modern Times. (Harper Brothers.) The work starts with a sketch of the effect of the French revolution on the working classes of France and Europe, and then goes into a series of biographic sketches which illustrate the movement down to the death of Lasalle and Karl Marx. Two chapters are added on socialistic tendencies in the universities and on "Christian Socialism." A useful manual.

....We are reminded by Chas. H. Bell's Historical Skylch of Phillips Excler Academy (Excter, N. H., William B. Merrill, "News Letter" office) that we have public schools whose roots lie back in the history of the country, and who have not only grown with it but helped to make it grow. The present memorial is a thorough review of the history of one of the oldest and best of these public schools. It was prepared at the request of the trustees of the Academy in anticipation of the hundredth anniversary of its foundation and to preserve in the security of print facts liable to perish."

....Worthy of fuller mention is the Memoriai of John Farmer A.M. corresponding secretary of the New Hampshire Historical Society and member of other distinguished bodies, and one of the earliest abolitionists of the moderate type which finally organized the country on a basis of suc-

cessful resistance. His memoir is writen by John Le Bosquet, who has enriched it with reminiscences historical, personal and characteristic. (Boston: Cupples, Upham & Co.)

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....An interesting study of Tennyson's In Memoriam; Its Purpose and Structure, from the pen of the Rev. John F. Genung, is issued in the typographic form, from the press of the Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Th. Study was, we understand, in its origin, a thesis for a Doctor's degree in philosophy, and is elaborated with great care, thorough examination of the porm, especially of its structure, and is written in a finished English style.

....The Life and Work of William Augustus Muhlenberg, by Anne Ayers, appeared originally in 1880 and rapidly ran though several editions. It is now brought out by the author in a less expensive republication, which contains all the matter of the original volume. It is a Life that can fail neither to interest nor 10 instruct. It contains a fine steel plate engraving of Dr. Muhlenberg. (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.)

....The Messes. Estes & Lauriat, of Boston. bring out with the imprimatur of the current year, 1834, Rosalic Kaufman's abridgement of the Queens of England, abridged, adapted and continued from Miss Strickland's "Queens of England. It is a handsome little volume as well adapted to young readers as the edition unabridged is to older ones.

... Mr. John B. Alden publishes, in large quarto form, on fine, heavy paper, a selection from Gustave Dorc's illustrations of the Bible, under the title of The Doré Gallery of Bible Stories. The selections are chosen to illustrate the principal events in the Old and New Testaments, with a descriptive text by Josephine Poller!