

the preface to *Straight Sermons to Young Men and other Human Beings, Preached Before the Universities of Yale, Harvard, and Princeton* by Henry Van Dyke, D.D., pastor of the Brick Church, New York. The sermons are plain in form, intelligible in language, and ethical in concept; but as we read them over carefully we questioned whether they were adjusted to the mental attitude of the average young man not a Christian. The first sermon, we should say, is so adapted; about the others we have our doubts. Back of them lies some theory which is not made clear and rational. This we feel rather than discern, and we think that the ordinary young man who had the advantage of a course of training under Dr. Van Dyke may have felt the same. In all of them there are certain fundamental propositions of theology which are taken, as, indeed, they must be taken, for granted. These ideas hinder, we think, these sermons from going "straight" to the mind and heart of some sorts of "young men and other human beings." (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.)

It is clear from the *Papers of the American Society of Church History*, of which Vol. V. lies before us, that a specially excellent work is being done through the medium of that society; work which would hardly be demanded in any other way. The present volume, besides containing a report of the annual meeting and similar details of the organization, publishes some valuable papers, among which we may mention a bibliography of works on Church History which have appeared in 1892, compiled by the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Jackson; also an extremely erudite study into the Absolution Formula of the Templars, by Dr. Henry C. Lea. Professor Walker's paper on the Influence of the Mathers in the Religious Development of New England displays careful preparation and warm appreciation of its subject; while Dr. Chambers' review of Holland and Religious Freedom evinces an ingenuous candor. The essay of the Rev. G. R. W. Scott, D.D., glances at Protestantism in Italy in a paper under the title, "The Italian Renaissance of To-Day." (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.)

In 1845 Mr. Lowell published a volume of *Conversations on the Old Poets*, which appeared in a revised edition a year later, but has now been out of print for many years. In his lectures on the Old English Poets, delivered in 1887, and published after his death, he speaks of the *Conversations* as a rare book, and talks about it as if he had almost forgotten its contents. This volume has now been republished by David McKay, of Philadelphia, and, although the work of Mr. Lowell's youth is full of his insight, his rare power of characterization, and his felicity of style, the immaturity of a man of twenty-five dealing with such difficult themes is apparent. Still the book justifies the comment of the London "Spectator" as possessing "the freshness of youthful delight," and that is a great and rare quality.

The old Spanish "missions" of California have been described and pictured by various writers and artists, but never better than in the collection of photogravures, with explanatory and historical notes, which has just been published by W. K. Vickery, of San Francisco. As all San Franciscans and all fortunate visitors to San Francisco know, Mr. Vickery is a lover and promoter of the best art as well as a publisher and seller of works of art, and this portfolio is a witness to his skill and taste of which he need not be ashamed. Travelers to the Pacific Coast will find it an admirable souvenir of a California visit—*The Spanish Missions of Alta California*. (W. K. Vickery, 224 Post Street, San Francisco.)

General Nathaniel Greene, of the Continental army, was a man whose chief characteristic was the genius of a fine common sense, and this has made him to be called great. His descendant, Francis Vinton Greene, has displayed the characteristic trait of his ancestor in the moderation and care with which he has written for the "Great Commander" series a *Life of General Greene* (D. Appleton & Co., New York). One seldom meets with such candor and calm discrimination in the work of a family annalist, and if Mr. Greene has sinned at all in his carefully written biography, it is in underrating rather than overrating the subject of his history.

Tasks by Twilight, by Abbot Kinney, is a work on education which goes down to the very root of the question. It treats of all the aspects of the matter—mental, moral, and physical—in a strong and fearless fashion. While it is modest, it is also outspoken about subjects which it is better should be known before it is too late. The chapters on the "Education of Girls" and on "Diet" are especially good. The style of the writer is excellent, and the book is easy to read. We unhesitatingly commend it to the attention of parents, teachers, and all who have the charge of rearing children. (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.)

The lover of flowers finds a feast of delicious things for the mind in *Recreations in Botany*, by Caroline A. Creevey (Har-

per Brothers, New York), which contains curious information about the ways and manner of plants, queer facts in the process of their evolution, highly important news about their nuptials, and all the charming details concerning their domestic life. We are told even about their diet and their promenades. In addition some practical advice is given us about the outfit one needs if fired with an enthusiasm to go botanizing.

We can do no more than to call the attention of our readers who are interested in the matter to *The Dynamo: Its Theory, Design, and Manufacture*, by C. C. Hawkins and F. Wallis (New York, Macmillan & Co.). It is a complete book on the subject, and written in a plain manner. While it makes no claim to originality, it sums up all the latest knowledge of the subject, and is precisely the hand-book which is needed by students and engineers of dynamos.



Literary Notes

—Rider Haggard's new novel, "Montezuma's Daughter," will be published in the autumn by Longmans, Green & Co, with illustrations by Maurice Greiffenhagen.

—General Bradley T. Johnson, of Baltimore, an ex-Confederate, has finished his biography of George Washington, and the book will soon be brought out by the Appletons.

—Professor Henry Drummond's work on "The Evolution of Man" is not to be published for another year, in order that he may have time for further reflection upon some phases of the theme.

—By arrangement with Mr. Dent, the London publisher, Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co. of this city will issue an attractive but inexpensive edition of Miss Edgeworth's novels, in twelve volumes, at \$1 each.

—The London "Athenæum" says: "There is an idea of publishing a selection from the letters of the late Mr. Matthew Arnold, and his family would be grateful if friends who possess such letters would forward them to Mr. G. W. Russell, to the care of Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Bedford Street, Covent Garden. The owners may depend upon the letters being safely returned to them after copies have been made."

—Andrew Lang declares that of all literary forgeries the one which "was best led up to" was the pseudo Waverley novel "Moredun"—the manuscript brought out in 1855 by E. de Saint Maurice Cabany, "Directeur-General de la Societe des Archivistes de France." The story which this man told concerning the manuscript was, says Mr. Lang, most cleverly put together, and his dates were accurate beyond question. But "Moredun" bears not a trace of Scott's style.

—Miss Mary Proctor, the daughter of the late Professor Richard A. Proctor, is making arrangements to give a series of lectures on astronomy for children all over the country during the coming season. The course consists of three lectures for children, entitled "The Goblins in Starland," "The Stories of the Stars," and "Giant Sun and His Family." She will also deliver a lecture specially suitable for Normal Schools, on "How to Teach Astronomy to Children."

—Mr. Whittier's literary executor contradicts a published statement that the poet, when disgusted by the publication of the Carlyle correspondence, destroyed all of his own correspondence with his friends that he could obtain. To this executor Mr. Whittier intrusted, about a dozen years ago, several portfolios filled with valuable material, including many letters from distinguished authors and statesmen. Whatever passages in these papers he wished to have eliminated he pointed out to Mr. Pickard, and in the preparation of the forthcoming volumes strict attention has been paid to his wishes. Many hundreds of interesting letters will be found in these volumes—among them a number of the poet's early letters to Dr. Channing, Mrs. Sigourney, and Jonathan Law.



Books Received

- D. APPLETON & CO., NEW YORK
 Champfleury. Translated by W. H. Bishop. *The Faience Violin*. 75 cts.
 PHILIP COWEN, NEW YORK
 Daly, Charles P., LL.D. *The Settlement of the Jews in North America*.
 GEORGE H. ELLIS, BOSTON
 Crooker, Joseph Henry. *The New Bible and Its New Uses*. \$1.
 HARPER & BROS., NEW YORK
 Wallace, Lew. *The Prince of India*. 2 vols.
 LEE & SHEPARD, BOSTON
 King, Edward. Joseph Zalmonah. (A novel.) 50 cts.
 Dole, Nathan Haskell. *Not Angels Quite*. \$1.25.
 Sumner, Charles. *The True Grandeur of Nations*. 75 cts.
 UNDERHILL & NICHOLS, BUFFALO
 Howells, W. D. Mark Twain, Prof. Nathaniel S. Shaler, and others. *The Niagara Book*. \$1.25.
 THOMAS WHITTAKER, NEW YORK
 Brooks, Rev. Arthur. *The Life of Christ in the World*. (Sermons.) 50 cts.
 Kenney, Minnie E. *Mother's Bedtime Tales*. 75 cts.
 Yechton, Barbara. *Little Saint Hilary and other stories*. 60 cts.

With Our Readers

I.—Correspondence

A Summer School

To the Editors of *The Outlook*:

The school at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, closed its twelve day session on July 17. In a spot selected for its unusual beauty, a hundred and fifty delegates assembled, and twenty-five or thirty friends and visitors. This was the third summer school held at this place under these auspices, and for the first time delegates were sent from Texas, Colorado, and California.

There were representatives from the following colleges and universities: Smith, Wellesley, Cornell, Leland Stanford, Jr., North Western, and the State universities of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas. The daily morning conference upon missions, under the leadership of Miss Elisabeth Wilson, one of the International secretaries, resulted in seven of the delegates signing the Student Volunteer Pledge. The missionary life was made very real by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wishard, who have recently made a tour of the mission fields around the world in the interests of Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Each morning, under the leadership of Miss E. K. Price, the general secretary of the associations, the delegates were given practical suggestions for work among young women, and also ideals of womanhood were presented which awakened desires for braver and holier living. The afternoons were devoted to recreation or study, and the evenings to addresses from specially invited speakers. G.

A Correction

To the Editors of *The Outlook*:

A paragraph in your paper of last week was a surprise to me, and I read it several times to be sure I had understood it correctly. You quote Bishop Newman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as saying that that denomination is the only one among Protestants to sustain missions in the South American countries. I have no disposition to underestimate the work of the Methodists, but we Presbyterians feel that if Bishop Newman had kept his eyes very wide open he might have seen some representatives from our regiment of the Protestant army down there. Speaking for the Woman's Board alone, I may say in brief that we have missions in over a dozen places in Brazil, Chile and Columbia, with about twenty-five women missionaries. With such men, too, as Dr. Chamberlain in Brazil, and Dr. Allis in Chile, the Presbyterians cannot be accused of neglecting our next-door neighbors in South America.

ELIZABETH ELLIOT,
President Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Presbytery of New York.

II.—Notes and Queries

I noticed some time ago in *The Outlook* reference to Dr. Paton's appeal on the subject of the rum traffic in South Sea Islands. (1) In a Government like ours what is the authority to deal with this matter? In a Government like that of England one can see where the authority lies. We believe there must be a way to meet all such cases in our system of government, but do not see where it lies. (2) Will there be any likelihood of an appeal from the churches doing any good? E. A. H.

1. Our Government cannot deal with it, except by urging an international treaty prohibiting such traffic and refusing to permit its own subjects to engage in it. 2. In the far distant future, yes.

Will you give me the name of one or more books which will give a sketch of the life and environments of the Old Testament prophets. I want to live in the times that they lived in, and find the secrets of their life and message. W. G.

"The Book of Isaiah," by Professor George Adam Smith, is the best that there is concern-

ing Isaiah. Professor W. Robertson Smith's "Prophets of Israel," new edition, covers the whole ground more succinctly. Canon Rawlinson's "Lives and Times of the Kings of Israel and Judah" is a condensed sketch, but graphic.

Will you kindly refer to some good book against the Anglican doctrine of apostolical succession. Not anything very deep, if possible, but rather something readable. Was there not a sermon of Dr. Abbott's published within a year or so on this subject in *The Outlook*? A. E. H.

By far the best thing on this subject is the brief course of lectures by the late Dr. Hatch, of Oxford, on "The Organization of the Early Christian Churches." The Scribners have published in a pamphlet Professor G. P. Fisher's "Dudleian Lecture," which deals with modern bearings of the dogma.

Can you either give me information on the following points, or direct me to such information: 1. The number of the paragraphs in the Old Testament and the number in the New. 2. The number of words and sentences in the Old Testament and the number in the New. The King James version is meant.

We have seen the facts inquired for, but have forgotten where. We cannot commend the disposition which devoted time and effort to the acquisition of such utterly useless information.

Please name some books from which a correct understanding of the much-discussed coinage and tariff questions may be had. S.

Taussig's "Silver Situation in the United States;" Representative Bryan's speech on silver, August 16, 1893; Taussig's "Tariff History of the United States."

Several correspondents send us the rhymes which a correspondent lately asked us to reprint. No one seems to know the author's name. The rhymes are as follows:

THE TIRED OLD WOMAN

There was an old woman who always was tired,
She lived in a house where no help was hired,
Her last words on earth were, "Dear friends, I am going
Where sweeping ain't done, nor churning nor sewing;
And everything there will be just to my wishes;
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes,
And though there the anthems are constantly ringing,
I, having no voice, will get rid of the singing.
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing, forever and ever."

1. Can any one tell me where I can find a poem which speaks of a monk who wanders from his convent on a summer's day into the heart of a great wood? There he hears the wonderful singing of a bird, and listens in ecstasy for, he supposes, a single moment. But when he goes back to his convent all is changed and strange, and he sees no familiar faces; for in that one moment of joy forty years have passed. I should like to know of any writing, either in prose or verse, which dwells upon this idea of the unnoticed passing of what we call time while the soul is rapt in joy. 2. Where can I find the verses of which I give one stanza below? I have seen but three stanzas, but of course there may be more. Who is the author?

"Like as a father, when his children weary
In the dim path he knows so straight and plain,
Pities their sorrows, knows how sad and dreary
Life seems to them, yet leads them on again."

M. N. P.

I should be glad to find the author of the following lines:

"We still believe, for still we hope
That in some world of larger scope
What here is faithfully begun
Will be accomplished, not undone."

G. W. C.

In answer to A. B. M., the author of the poem is Robert Browning, an American, and not the Robert Browning. Who the former is is not generally known. A. E. S.

—The smallest tree in Great Britain grows on the summit of Ben Lomond. It is the dwarf willow, which is mature when it attains the height of two inches.

—The exhibit of the Palestine Exploration Fund at the Exposition includes the new raised map on which Secretary George Armstrong has labored so long. With the issue of this map the Fund completes its survey and its cartographical task, and will hereafter devote itself especially to excavation. The exhibit is in the southwest gallery of the Manufactures Building, at B 40. Many excavated objects are shown in cases.

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A College Centennial

The centennial anniversary of Williams College will be observed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, October 8, 9, 10, 1893. The general order of the public services at Williamstown, Mass., will be as follows:

October 8, A.M., Sunday, 10:30 o'clock.—Church services, the Rev. Robert R. Booth, D.D., '49, New York City, presiding. Sermon on "The Connection of Religion and Education" by the Rev. Henry Hopkins, D.D., '58, Kansas City, Mo.

October 8, P.M., Sunday, 3 o'clock.—A conference on "The Relation of the Modern College to Applied Christianity," the Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., '72, Brooklyn, N.Y., presiding. Addresses by the Rev. John Bascom, D.D., LL.D., '49, Williamstown; the Rev. Henry M. Field, D.D., '38, New York City; the Rev. William M. Grosvenor, M.A., '85, Lenox; the Rev. Adolphus F. Schaffler, D.D., '67, New York City; the Rev. Charles A. Stoddard, D.D., '54, New York City; the Rev. George A. Ford, '72, Sidon, Syria.

October 9, A.M., Monday, 10 o'clock.—An educational conference, President G. Stanley Hall, LL.D., '67, Clark University, presiding. Addresses by Dean Henry P. Judson, LL.D., '70, Chicago University; Principal James C. Greenough, M.A., '60, Massachusetts Normal School; Dean Edward H. Griffin, D.D., LL.D., '62, Johns Hopkins University; Chancellor Francis H. Snow, LL.D., '62, University of Kansas; Professor Charles Gross, Ph.D., '78, Harvard University; Professor Truman Henry Safford, Ph.D., Williams College.

October 9, P.M., Monday, 2:30 o'clock.—Field sports by the students of the College on Weston Field. 4:30 o'clock.—Afternoon teas in Hopkins Hall, the Library, and the Thompson Laboratories. Music on the Campus by the Germania Band. Evening.—Reception of the President and Trustees at Lasell Gymnasium.

October 10, A.M., Tuesday, 10:30 o'clock.—Hon. Martin I. Townsend, LL.D., '33, Troy, N.Y., presiding. The Historical Address by Chancellor James H. Canfield, M.A., '68, University of Nebraska. 12 o'clock.—Banquet, President Franklin Carter, LL.D., '62, presiding. Responses by invited guests. Music by the Germania Band and the Troy Vocal Society.

While in the War

I was taken ill with spinal disease and rheumatism. I went home and was confined to my bed, unable to help myself for 22 months. After great effort, I was able to get up and started to work at the machinist's trade. I was not well, and a companion machinist advised me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I got a bottle and could quickly note a change for the better. I continued, and after taking seven bottles I was well and have not since been troubled with

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