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Turning to the book now before us—the final fruit of a life devoted to the elucidation of Oriental thought and language—we are struck by the extreme interest presented by the many problems with which it deals. Probably there is no Christian missionary in India whose power for good would not be increased by a careful study of this volume. The intellectual equipment of modern missionaries ought never to be regarded as a *quantité négligeable*; they ought to approach their difficult task of converting the heathen by first thoroughly understanding the thoughts and habits of those they hope to convert. Professor Max Müller's new book contains a fund of useful and suggestive matter. He shows here how intimately, not only India's religion, but also India's philosophy, is connected with the national character of its inhabitants.

We will undertake to say that a careful and intelligent study of the 600 pages which this book comprises will enable a student to get a firm and clear hold of the framework of the "Six Philosophies of India." The details he must fill in for himself by a first-hand study of the sacred books of the East. The volume is written with all that persuasiveness of which Max Müller is a master; that erudition which he utilizes to illumine, never to burden, his subject; and that rare literary finish which is the admiration of his countless readers.

E. H. B.

Short Notices.

The Silver Link. Annual Volume for 1899. Sunday-School Union.
Price 2s. Pp. 239.

The annual volume of this excellent illustrated magazine for home and school is full of good things to suit all tastes. The tales are very interesting, and there are a great number of articles containing useful information on many interesting subjects. "Every-day Life in Italy" makes a particularly readable series.

The Day of Days. Annual Volume for 1899. "Home Words" Office.
Price 2s. Pp. 240.

This admirable volume of Sunday readings maintains its usual excellence. Amongst a great deal that is so excellent, we may draw special attention to the series of biographical sketches under the title "Our Church Portrait Gallery," which includes Bishop Welldon of Calcutta, Bishop Perowne of Worcester, Canon Wilkinson, Prebendary Webb-Peplow, and the late "A. K. H. B."

The Month.

NEWS from the seat of war has been far from encouraging of late—mortifying in many ways to the pride of a great power, and doubly distressing inasmuch as the news is not of defeat alone, but tells of great sacrifice of life. Generally, the feelings of the English people are becoming slowly roused to something like exasperation; they are aware, in a vague way, that "someone has blundered." As we write (December 18) information is forthcoming that the general advance has begun. We are glad of it; a decided victory for English arms would be valuable in a variety of directions. We have learnt one lesson already—we ought