

Kabarega has been well taught. I prayed with him, and it was most pleasing to hear him repeat 'Our Father.' He then asked me to give him a Bible in his own language."



The following from *The Bible in the World* gives us a glimpse of the ever-fresh power of the Old, Old Story: "A lady missionary travelling in the hills near Mussoorie stopped to speak with a gang of coolie women working on the road. Among them was a woman of considerable intelligence who spoke Urdu fairly well. Her husband was a Tibetan, who had in some way obtained a Gospel in the Tibetan language. The woman was familiar with the story of our Lord, but she refused to mention His crucifixion and death. "It was too awful," she said; "I cannot bring myself to read it." The lady asked, "Did you think His death was the end of all? Did you not see that He died for your sins and mine, and then arose from the dead and ascended to heaven, where He now lives to intercede for us?" A wave of delight swept over her face, as she replied, "I am so glad you have told me. I see it all. It must be true. He lives to save."



From the same source we learn that the present demand for the Scriptures in Tinnevely is unprecedented. The missionary itinerating bands, which a year or two ago were selling a hundred copies a month in the course of their tours, are now selling a thousand copies a month. And they find that the best recommendation of the books is to read passages aloud. One villager, who listened attentively to the preaching, promised to study a Gospel if a copy were given to him free, but he was not willing to pay for it. A schoolboy was thereupon called up and asked to read aloud the fifth chapter of St. Matthew. He had not read a dozen verses before the man stopped him and said to the preacher, "That is a good book. Here is the money." Following his example, twenty others made similar purchases.



Literary Notes.

ONE or two interesting volumes may be expected shortly from Mr. Robert Scott. The Rev. Harrington C. Lees has written a new work entitled "St. Paul and his Converts." This earnest book is now ready, and consists of Bible studies on the missionary principles of the New Testament, as illustrated in the Seven Churches to which St. Paul wrote epistles.

Mr. Edric Bayley has prepared for publication a volume which will undoubtedly prove of considerable interest to those who are concerned, in some way or another, with technical education and its administration. The work deals with that well-known South London institution, "The Borough Polytechnic Institute," and so the book will be called. Very few people are aware, perhaps, of what tremendous value this particular institution is to this crowded district south of the Thames. A little while since the writer of these notes, in connection with some investigations which were being prepared concerning the Polytechnics of London, had the privilege of being shown the inner workings of

the place, and he was literally astonished at the activity which was to be found there, an activity, too, which was producing definite results. These London Polytechnics are a power for good, and we hope that they will continue to wield a great influence. We were sorry, however, to note the other day a falling off in the matter of students; but perhaps with the coming autumn sessions the old numbers may be reached, and passed too. Mr. Sidney Webb contributes an introduction to Mr. Bayley's readable book, in the course of which he says, "The story of the Borough Polytechnic affords a more than usually interesting example of the happy co-operation of endowment and municipal aid, of voluntary initiative and collective control." The volume is published by Mr. Elliot Stock.



Lady F. M. Macrae has written a book which should not fail to find a large circle of readers. It is a fascinating account, told in the form of a story, of a trip to the West Indies and back, and it is being published by Mr. Elliot Stock. The title of the volume is "Under the Burning Sun," and in the course of the work Lady Macrae gives a very succinct, although brief, description of the islands visited, and she does it in an attractive and chatty style.



Another little work to come from Mr. Stock is "Our Heavenly Home; Love Hereafter," by W. N. Griffin. As the title indicates, it is a consideration of the future life. One is always astonished, as each new book is announced about this subject, that the public interest is so definitely maintained, and how eagerly new works dealing with it are read and talked about. There is scope still for a really profound and earnest study of the whole question, so far as there is evidence at hand. When writers begin to speculate, then the difficulties commence; and there has really been no volume which has added anything to our knowledge of the future life beyond what is to be found in the New Testament. It is probable that we know and feel as much of the matter instinctively as can be found in all the scholarly books which deal with the question. But it is astonishing—and we speak with knowledge—how these kinds of books—good, bad, and indifferent—find purchasers. As soon as the volumes are announced, orders begin to come for them. We wonder why? Is it earnest effort to get nearer the truth, or is it but idle curiosity?



Mr. Fuller Maitland has completed the laborious task of editing the new edition of Grove's "Dictionary of Music," which he has certainly conducted with so much success. The fifth volume will be published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. It contains a great deal of new matter, as well as a thorough revision of the articles which are retained from the first edition. It covers the letters T to Z, and includes an appendix. In this fifth volume will be found corrections and additions to the other four volumes, as well as a large number of biographies of the young English composers whose work has recently come prominently before the public.



Messrs. Sampson Low are the publishers of a life of Miss Alcott, the author of that wonderful book, entitled "Little Women," which still continues

to have a popularity of which many more modern authors would be proud. This life is chiefly based upon her journals, in one of which, it is of interest to note, she mentions that she went to Boston and saw the late King Edward when he was staying there as a young man. The work should certainly be worth reading.



Some few months back we had the pleasure of directing attention to that very charming novel, which is so clever and original, as well as so wholesome and witty, entitled "The Rosary." It is good news that another little story, called "The Wheels of Time," is being published. We understand that there are many characters in it in whom the admirer of "The Rosary" would be deeply interested, seeing that they attracted the reader so much in the latter book.



The Macmillans are bringing out a series of books, especially for young people, to be called "Readable Books in Natural Knowledge." These volumes have been especially prepared for boys and girls who have commenced the formal study of science in the school laboratory, but, though expressed in very simple language—and this, indeed, will be a distinct advantage—it is anticipated they will appeal equally to mature readers who are interested in the achievements of science. The first three volumes are "Wonders of Physical Science," by G. E. Fournier, B.Sc.; "Tillers of the Ground," by Marion I. Newbiggin, D.Sc.; and "Threads in the Web of Life," by Professor J. Arthur Thomson, M.A., and Margaret R. Thomson. The price of the books is 1s. 6d. each.



Last month we made reference to the Emmanuel Movement in America, calling attention to certain recent volumes appertaining to the subject. We see Messrs. Kegan Paul and Co. are bringing out a work entitled "Medicine and the Church," which deals very thoroughly with the relationship of medicine and the Church's ministry to the sick. Among those who have contributed essays to the book are Dr. A. W. Robinson, the Bishop of Bloemfontein, Prebendary Fausset, the Hon. Sidney Holland, and Dr. Jane Walker. An introduction has been written by the Bishop of Winchester.



Among the recent publications of the National Church League, valuable pamphlets, in every sense of the word, are "Rome's False Dogma" and "Great Britain's Mission," price one penny each, both sermons which were preached before the University of Oxford by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. We should also like to draw attention to the earnest "Church Leaflets," published by the same Society. There are five on our table at the moment: "Incense," by W. Guy Johnson; "Hyperdulia: The Worship of Mary," by G. C. Parkhurst Baxter; "Children's Eucharists," by W. Guy Johnson; "Altar Lights," by the Rev. T. J. Pulvertaft, and "Prayers for the Dead," by Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas. These excellent little works, so full of sound reasoning, written in careful language, and without bitterness, are issued at one halfpenny each, or three shillings per hundred. They ought

to be widely distributed. We note a valuable article by Mr. Parkhurst Baxter in the last number of the *Church Gazette*, entitled "Pater Dei: The Worship of Joseph." Perhaps this will be extended and eventually form a Church Leaflet.



Volumes V. and VI. of the Memorial Edition of the Rev. N. Dimock's works, which have introductory notes by the Bishop of Durham, have been brought out by the National Church League through Messrs. Longmans. They are "The History of the Book of Common Prayer," and "The Christian Doctrine of Sacerdotium." They are published at two shillings net each. The first four volumes in this new reprint, and already issued (1s. 6d. net each), are respectively entitled "The Doctrine of the Sacraments in Relation to the Doctrines of Grace," "The Doctrine of the Lord's Supper," "Christian Unity," and "Our One Priest on High." It is expected that one or two additional volumes will be published in September, of which "The Sacerdotium of Christ as taught in the Holy Scriptures," will be one. The importance of these new issues cannot be overestimated, and we sincerely hope they will have a wide sale.



Notices of Books.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. By the Rev. Dr. Downer. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 7s. 6d. net.

The author considers that "the study of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit has been strangely neglected by the Church throughout her history." Not only so, but "even the Holy Scriptures do not deal with the doctrine of the Holy Ghost as with the nature and mediatorial work of Christ." Nevertheless, the Preface can refer to a list of upwards of twelve hundred books, or parts of books, of all ages dealing with the doctrine of the Holy Ghost. Dr. Downer rightly points out the serious spiritual dangers which have always accrued from neglect of the Person and doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and he sends forth his book as a contribution to that continuous need of thought of and prayer for the grace of the Holy Spirit which alone will enable the Church to realize to the full its great privileges and discharge its important responsibilities. Dr. Downer's plan has been "comprehensiveness rather than detailed fulness of treatment," and he has sought to deal with as many aspects of the doctrine as he could include in the space at his disposal. He calls attention to the need and purpose of the Pentecostal gift, as distinguished from the earlier work of the Spirit, as "the most characteristic part" of the work. He believes that there has been only one outpouring of the Spirit, "though given on two complementary occasions—first upon the Jews at Pentecost and later upon the Gentiles at Cæsarea." This is an important point, and has some far-reaching consequences. In the first chapter "The Theology of the Holy Spirit" is discussed, and the history of the doctrine is traced up to the time of St. John of Damascus. Probably