

BOOK TABLE.

[Under this head we will be pleased to give editorial reviews of all books and tracts of interest that may be sent to this office.]

The following books and pamphlets have been received at this office and carefully examined. We print the description as given by the publishers. We regard them as good books on the subjects of which they treat, of course we do not indorse the position set fourth in the "Compend of Baptism," yet it contains about as much practical non-sense on that side of the question as could well be gotten into the same number of pages. We may have something more to say of this book in the future in our editorial pages. We specially recommend the book on opium. This book sends forth no uncertain sound, and, we would be glad to have all our readers buy it and study it thoroughly:

A COMPEND OF BAPTISM, by William Hamilton, D. D. 12mo, cloth, price, 75cts. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—It contains in brief the cream of the literature on the Baptism controversy. Its aim is, by brief but exhaustive exegesis, to elucidate and establish the fact clearly that affusion is at least as classical and scriptural a mode of Baptism as immersion, and that infants are entitled to it as their biblical right.

NEW TESTAMENT HELPS FOR ANY VERSION OR EDITION, edited by Rev. W. F. Crafts. In "Standard Series," No. 73. Price, 20 cents.—Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—The appendix of the "Teachers' Edition of the Revised New Testament," containing the best helps to the study of the New Testament from the costly Teachers' Bibles of Bagster, Spottiswoode and Oxford, with numerous other lists and tablets, by Dr. Lyman Abbott, Geo. F. Pentecost, and the editor, Rev. W. F. Crafts, has been issued as No. 73 of The Standard Series, in card-board manila covers, thus affording the public what would cost \$30 in the costly Bibles and hand-books, with as much more of new helps for 20 cents.

THE LESSON IN THE CLOSET FOR 1883, by Charles F. Deems, D. D. In "Standard Series," No. 76. Price, 20 cents. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—"The Lesson in the Closet," a series of articles by the Rev. Dr. Deems, published in one of our Sunday-school periodicals, has attracted such attention as to lead to a solicitation that they be gathered into a book form. Instead of doing that, Dr. Deems has prepared a similar series for the first six months of 1883. It contains the revised version of the lesson for each Sunday, with injected annotations, accompanied by a devout meditation on each passage. It is intended to be spiritually helpful to teachers and scholars.

GOSPEL BY MARK IN PHONETIC SPELLING, by C. W. K. Price, 15 cents. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—Issued to illustrate the reform in spelling as suggested by an able advocate of this movement. The system suggested is certainly novel, but has many arguments in its favor. In our judgment, it is the best yet presented. A supplement is added setting forth the rules and the principles that underlie the changes

proposed. These are well worth studying. That some radical change in orthography is needed goes with the saying. To spell "enough," "cough," "through," etc., all in the same way is a relic of barbarism, and is placing a needless burden on the already overburdened memory of children. In London schools children pass their examination if their "misses in spelling do not exceed forty per cent." The adoption of some sensible phonetic system in spelling would save for other studies a large proportion of the time of the children in our schools. A help to the discussion we commend this "Gospel of Mark Phonetic."

THE CHILD'S GUIDE TO HEAVEN; OR, STORIES FOR CHILDREN, by Rev. E. Payson Hammond, the Children's Evangelist. Price, in paper, 10 cents; cloth, 40 cents. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—The object of this precious little book is to show children the way to Jesus, who is the "child's guide to Heaven." It is replete with Bible truth and forcible illustration, abounding throughout with those tender persuasives which draw young hearts to the Savior.

OPTIUM. ENGLAND'S COERCIVE POLICY AND ITS DISASTROUS RESULTS IN CHINA AND INDIA. THE SPREAD OF OPIUM SMOKING IN AMERICA, by John Liggins. In No. 74 "Standard Series." Price, 10 cents. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.—An exceedingly valuable hand-book on the opium question. In it are presented the most important facts, and the testimonies of the most eminent authorities, on the present vast extent of the opium traffic; the British rulers of India; the manufacturers of and results in Arracan and British Burmah; the criminality of England's opium war; the continued denial to China of the rights of an independent nation, she being still debarred from prohibiting the importation of the baneful stuff, or even increasing the duty on it to lessen its consumption; the wide-spread misery and ruin caused in China; the formidable obstacle to Christian missions; a crippled commerce and the malediction of a great nation; the perversion of seven hundred thousand acres of the best land in India from food crops to crops of poison, a cause of the periodic famines; the demoralization of the Hindus who produce the opium under and for the English; the friends of justice and humanity outvoted in the British Parliament; the urgent duty of missionary societies; the action of various religious bodies; Chinese victims carrying the curse to the many countries to which they are going: rapid spread of the vice in America; twenty thousand white persons opium-smokers in the United States; numerous opium "dens," "saloons" and "parlors" in the leading cities and "layouts" in small towns; repressive measures in California, Nevada and New York; absolute prohibition by the nation necessary; the enlightening and arousing of the people an imperative duty. This book presents many more startling facts. It should be read and pondered by every lover of humanity. Issued in "Standard Series," No. 74. Price, 10 cents.

Burpee's Farm Annual of Garden, Farm and Flower Seeds. Thoroughbred Stock, etc., for 1883.—This is a beautiful catalogue and contains a large amount of practical information. It should be in the hands of every gardener and stock-raiser. Address W. Atlee Burpee & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

We have also received the "Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Church of Christ in Southern California," held near Downey City, Aug. 18-29, 1882.—These Minutes show that the brethren in Southern Cal. are in earnest about the Missionary work, and we hope that this will be the means of stirring up others on the subject.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW FOR January opens with a symposium in which three of the most prominent advocates in this country of the "Revision of Church Creeds," namely Rev. Dr. Newman Smith, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, set forth the grounds upon which such revision is deemed necessary as a defense of revealed religion against the encroachments of skepticism, and as an adjustment of the relations between faith and science. "University Education for Women," a question that just now is being warmly agitated both here and in England, discussed by Prof. W. Le Conte Stevens, who, though he zealously advocates the measure, commands the attention and respect of its opponents by the eminent fairness with which he states the adverse arguments. Prof. Isaac L. Rice gives a "Definition of Liberty," deduced from a profoundly philosophical study of the phases of political evolution, from the earliest Anglo-Saxon times to the present day. "American English," by Gilbert M. Tucker, is a spirited defense of our cis-Atlantic fashion of English speech against the aspersions of sundry British critics. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas writes an article that can hardly fail to strike a sympathetic chord in many a mind, on "The Responsibilities of Progressive thinkers" "Bigotry in the Medical Profession," by Dr. David Hunt, is a protest, from the pen of a respected member of the medical profession, against the First Commandment of medical ethics, which forbids association with any but regular practitioners. Finally, Charles T. Congdon, under the singularly apt title of "Adulteration of Intelligence," exposes some of the grave evils to be apprehended from the monopolization of telegraph lines, press associations and influential public journals. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

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