

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.]

AN HOUR WITH CHARLOTTE BRONTE; OR FLOWERS FROM A YORKSHIRE MOOR.—There was but one Charlotte Bronte, as there was but one William Shakespeare. She was a passionate, fire-winged genius, whose life and history form one of the most interesting and exciting stories ever told. No one who has read "Jane Eyre," or pored over the pages of "Vilette," could be indifferent to the personal history of the Yorkshire girl who wrote them. Her strange existence in the little hamlet of Haworth reads, as her biographer tells us, "like an olden tragedy twined into English fact." Charlotte Bronte's character is not an easy one to understand, because of her genius, her environment and her singular shyness and avoidance of publicity. To write her life acceptably, one must have made it the study of years, have known it in the integrity of all its relations, and considered it from its broadest as well as its narrowest aspects. This is what Mrs. Holloway has done. She has, with loving reverence and pride, gazed upon her great sister woman, from the standpoint of her literary endeavors and achievements and her domestic surroundings, and her conclusions are worthy of her "Hour" with her subject. It is a fascinating biography told in a charming style. It has been said by a critic that "the title is a misnomer; a week, a month with Charlotte Bronte would better express the true character of its contents."

The June number of the *North American Review* opens with an article by Joseph Nimmo, Jr., Chief of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, on "American Manufacturing Interests," in which is given a singularly full and instructive historical sketch of the rise and progress of manufactures in the United States, together with a very effective presentation of their present condition, and of the agency of tariff legislation in promoting diversified industries and encouraging the inventive genius of the people. Should this author's advocacy of protective legislation prove distasteful, the reader finds the needed corrective in an article by the Hon. Wm. M. Springer, on "Incidental Taxation," which is an argument for Free Trade. D. C. Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University, writes of the "Present Aspects of College Training," as affected by the increase of wealth and luxury, the development of natural science, and the influence of a larger religious-religious liberty. Edward Self presents some weighty considerations on the "Abuse of Citizenship," as exhibited in the machinations of the dynamitists against a friendly power, in disregard of the obligations of American neutrality. Prof. Isaac L. Rice criticises some of "Herbert Spencer's Facts and Inferences" in social and political science, and Christine Nilsson contributes "A Few Words about Public Singing." Finally, there is a symposium on "The Moral Influence of the Drama," the participants being, on the one side, the Rev.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, well known as an opponent of the stage, and on the other, John Gilbert, the actor; A. M. Palmer, theatrical manager; and William Winter, dramatic critic. 50 cents a number; \$5 a year. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

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