

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.]

A Triumph For Good Literature.

Among publishers who have carried into their work serious convictions as to their duty to the public in the matter of supplying good literature, and who have resolutely resisted all temptations in the more lucrative direction of that which is simply sensational, an honorable place may be claimed for D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, who have accomplished in the United States a work second to that of no publishing house, in the elevation of the popular sentiment, and the creation of a demand for wholesome books.

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Concerning some of its recent publications, we present the following interesting items called from the *American Bookseller*, and other sources.

E. A. Rand gives us a new illustrated book, *All Aboard for the Lakes and Mountains*, and Pansy's latest is *Ester Reed yet Speaking*. Bright, fresh, and attractive, all that a pansy signifies, and much besides, may be said of *The Pansy* (bound volume for 1883), with its handsome covers, its many pleasing illustrations, and its pure and sparkling stories for children of all ages. The editor understands the art of blending entertainment with wholesale instruction, and whatever bears this suggestive name has come to be a synonym for all that is good in juvenile literature.

That the veriest babes can be made to take an interest in literature has been clearly proved by the continued success of the lively and delightful little magazine published for their sole benefit by D. Lothrop & Co. *Babyland*, among the tiny ones of the nursery circle, is becoming as great a favorite as *Wide Awake* and *Little Men and Women*, among the larger boys and girls. The *Babyland Annual*, consisting of the monthly numbers handsomely bound will gladden the heart of every little one into whose hands it may fall.

John Angelo at the Water Color Exhibition, by Lizzie W. Champney, is a genuine Artists' Portfolio. It presents a collection of forty or fifty drawings of pictures exhibited at the late Water Color Exhibition in New York, by well-known artists, including Gifford, Reinhart, Hovendon, Simile, Nicoll, Satterlee, Penn and others, and from an art point of view must be regarded as one of the choicest books of the year.

Mr. W. Sloan Kennedy's *Life, Genius, and Writings, of John G. Whittier*, uniform with the author's popular *Life of Longfellow*, is an appreciative and scholarly contribution to biographical literature, and will be welcomed accordingly. (12mo, illustrated \$1.50.)

The ripest thought of Rev. J. M. Manning, D. D., the late beloved pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, is furnished in the last work of his hands. Not of Man but of God, an admirable treatise upon the foundation

and structure of the Christian faith. (12mo, \$1.25.)

The popular reception of Jewett's translation of Thucydides, witnesses the continued interest of a wide circle of American readers in the choicest classical writings, and is evidence that efforts of translators and publishers to present these writings in new and attractive forms are not unappreciated.

Decorative Plaques, in which the picturesque designs of G. F. Barnes are set to a harmony of words by Mary E. Wilkins, is a book which appeals to all lovers of illustrated poems, and which will be welcomed by amateurs and professional decorators. (Chromo cover, 75 cents; unique binding, 50 cents.)

The *Story of Puff*, among books relating to domestic pets, is worthy of mention in connection with *Rab and his Friends*. It is the most charming story of bird-life ever written, and is from the pen of Mrs. C. M. Livingston, a sister of "Pansy."

Among holiday gift-books, D. Lothrop & Co.'s beautiful annuals have come to be regarded as standard favorites. Of names familiar to children, and which never fail to fall pleasantly on their ears, *Wide Awake* is certainly one. To fully appreciate the surpassing excellence of this magazine, it must be compared with the best monthlies of its class, at home and abroad. It will be found to be unequalled. The *Wide Awake Annual*, in its dainty dress, is therefore a superb holiday book.

It is not enough that the older children should have *Wide Awake*, and the youngest *Babyland*, but the "betweens" must be provided for, and this is what that charming monthly, *Our Little Men and Women*, accomplishes to their perfect satisfaction. One secret of the successes of D. Lothrop & Co.'s juvenile productions is due to the fact that they so amply and completely provide for the needs of children of every age.

Among books for children which will instruct while entertaining, the following selections from D. Lothrop's list, published in handsome quarto volumes, with illuminated board covers, are unrivalled. "What the Seven did," *Nan, The New Fashioned Girl*, "Heart's Content," "Stories and Pictures of Domestic Animals," "My Curiosity Shop," "Natural History Stories," "The Cats' Arabian Nights," and "Lucy's Wonderful Globe." Among the writers for these books are such celebrated authors as Margaret Sidney, Miss Yonge, Julia A. Eetman, Ella Farman, Mrs. Diaz, Clara Doty Bates, and Mrs. Maskell. Of their unequalled list of handsome quarto volumes for the young, at the low price of fifty cents and less, and their unequalled Sunday-school libraries, we have not space for description. Their catalogues, which will be sent free, is worthy of study.

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