NEW BOOKS.

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I, also burning with a fever, lay near him. Being the youngest of the party he addressed me, when alone, as follows: 'I am going to die. I have been a success, yet not a success. Hear the story of my life, listen, learn and profit by it.' Then he added, very slowly: 'I first went to raising mice. I was a success. I raised a world of mice, but I said, "the end does not justify the means." I resolved to raise elephants. Here again I was a success. Hundreds and thousands of elephants did I raise—elephants white and blue. But the result! The markets of the world were soon supplied and with "elephants to sell" I was poor indeed. My son would you succeed, raise neither mice nor elephants. Size yourself up!' He died, but I never forgot the lesson." Jim is not above drawing the long bow here and there and he sometimes, as we suspect, has a little quiet fun with his reader, but he is not the less interesting on that account.

In "The Redemption of David Corson" (the Bowen-Merrill Company) the Rev. Charles Frederic Goss has written a powerful story of a strong man's sin and his atonement. The scene is laid in the western Ohio of fifty years ago, the characters are interesting and skilfully created, and there is no lack of incident. Pepeeta, the gypsy fortune teller, Parasolus the quack doctor, and the central figure David Corson himself are personalities that the reader will not easily forget.

In a scholarly and thoughtful study under the title "What Is Poetry?" (John Lane) Mr. Edmond Holmes, beginning with the principle involved in Cardinal Newman's aphorism that without assumptions no one can prove anything about anything, himself makes two assumptions: (1) that poetry is the expression of strong and deep feeling; (2) that wherever there is feeling, there is something to be felt. He then seeks to show that the poet's feeling is true in virtue of its intensity, and that the strength of his emotion is measured by the clearness of his thought. That poetry is the true expression of true feeling, in other words, the very voice of truth—not of truth as science understands the word, truth about phenomena, but of that truth, which has reality for its counterpart. "The poet," he says, "differs from the rest of us in having a clearer insight into the hidden heart of Nature. If we are ever to be initiated into Nature's deeper mysteries, it must be through him. His poetry is the channel through which his heart opens and maintains intercourse with ours—the medium through which he makes us feel what he has felt and see what he has seen. What he does for us is to unclose our hearts and so lift a veil from our eyes. Whenever, therefore, we find ourselves deeply moved by poetry, we may be sure that we are coming in contact with hidden truth." And he concludes with Carlyle's eloquent summing up of the subject: "A musical thought is one spoken by a man that has penetrated into the inmost heart of the thing, detected the innermost mystery of it, namely, the unity that lies hidden in it, the inward harmony of coherence which is its soul, whereby it exists and has a right to be here in the world. All inward things, we may say, are melodious naturally utter themselves in song. See deep enough and you see music everywhere, the heart of nature being everywhere music if you can only reach it."

In "Songs of all the Colleges" (Binds & Noble) Messrs. David B. Chamberlain (Harvard) and Karl P. Harrington (Wesleyan) have compiled and arranged many of those sample jovial songs popular in our colleges East, West, South and North; some of them new and many of them old favorites, such as "Upidee," "Good Night, Ladies," "Jolly Boating Weather," "The Tarpaulin Jacket," &c., that have been sung in Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin or St. Andrews "since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." Among the many new ones peculiar to our own colleges are "The Prof" and "Co-Education." The former runs thus:

The Prof he leads a charmed life,
He cherishes a darling wife
With baby cooing on his knee,
His papa's oozy cinky dee.
I swear in all sincerity,
I would a wise professor be.

The Senior better pleases me,
His life is full of jollity,
His girls as many as he will,
I fain a Senior's gown would fill.

So when my sweetest kisses me,
I then would a Professor be,
But when I take the girls to ride,
I then a Senior would abide.

Co-education is thus ingeniously accounted for in an Iowa college song:

In former days, which many praise,
When people wanted knowledge,
The girls were sent to boarding-school,
The boys they went to college.

A frog in the marsh, the his voice was harsh,
Took in the situation,
"Co-ed, co-ed, co-ed," he said,
He meant Co-education.

Hurrah for the frog
That sat in the bog
And acted for this great nation.
A Question so rank,
In times now past,
And gave us Co-education.

Both music and words of all the songs are given: the former simply arranged, and a curiously grotesque cover design shows four college boys singing justly, with varied expressions of despair.

"Down North and Up Along" (Dodd, Mead & Co.) is the queer title of a pleasantly written record by Margaret Warner Morley, of a summer tour in Nova Scotia. The book is illustrated, and treats entertainingly of a country that has as yet been neither sketched by the indiscriminating cheap tripper nor overwritten by the literary globe trotter.

Messrs. Adam and Charles Black publish a second edition, revised and enlarged, of Prof. Karl Pearson's "The Grammar of Science." The volume is illustrated with a number of figures in the text.

The D. Van Nostrand Company publishes a "Machinist's and Draftsman's Handbook," containing tables, rules and formulas, with numerous examples explaining the principles of mathematics and mechanics as applied to the mechanical trades. The volume is intended by the author and compiler, Mr. Pedro Lobben, as a reference book for all interested in mechanical work. It is designed primarily for the working mechanic.

Volume V., of the seven volume illustrated Haworth Edition of the "Life and Works of the Sisters Brontë," published by the Harpers, with prefaces by Mrs. Humphry Ward, contains "Wuthering Heights" and "Agnes Grey."

We have also received:

"The Voice of the People." Elias Gregory. (Doubleday, Page & Co.)

"The Action and the Word." A novel of New York. Brander Matthews. (Harpers.)

"Sophia." A Romance." Stanley J. Weyman. (Longmans, Green & Co.)

"The Alabaster Box." Sir Walter Besant. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

"The Angel of Clay." William Ordway Partridge. (Putnams.)

"Notes on the Baconian-Shakespeare Question." Charles Allen. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

"Chickens Come Home to Roost." A novel. L. B. Elliot. (Putnam's.)

"Great Melic Poets." Herbert Weir Smyth. (Macmillan.)

"The Story of Philadelphia." Lilian Shipe Rhoades. (American Book Co.)

"The Conspirators." A Romance. Robert W. Chambers. (Harpers.)

"A History of Scotland." From the Roman Occupation. In two volumes. Vol. I. Andrew Lang. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

"A Mad Angel." Being Leaves from a Nomad's Portfolio. Burt Kennedy. (Hill Slone & Co.)

"Rural Wealth and Welfare." Economic Principles. (Illustrated and Applied in Farm Life.) George T. Fairchild, M. D. (Macmillan.)

"About Mr Father's Business." Austin Miles. (The Merchon Company.)

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CONFERENCE OPENS TO-DAY

MANAGERS OVERWHELMED BY REQUESTS FOR TICKETS.

Widespread Interest Aroused in the Subjects to Be Discussed at the Ecumenical Conference—President McKinley and Gov. Roosevelt Will Speak—Foreign Delegates Will Fill Many Pulpits To-morrow.

The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions has developed so much more interest in the subject to be discussed than the promoters of the conference anticipated that they are unable to accommodate with tickets all who wish to attend. The conference will be opened in Carnegie Hall this afternoon. The first session is to be a welcome meeting with informal introductions, beginning at half past four. Gen. Benjamin Harrison, Honorary President of the conference, will preside. The Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, chairman of the general committee, will make an address of welcome. There will be responses by representatives of the British, German and Australian delegations, and the General Committee will make a report.

The evening meeting in the same place at 8 o'clock is to be a reception to the delegates. The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, will present the chairman of the evening, Morris K. Jesup, who will make a brief address. There will be prayer by Bishop Potter and addresses of welcome by President McKinley and Gov. Roosevelt, with a response by Gen. Harrison on behalf of the conference. President McKinley, who is now at Paterson on a visit to Mrs. McKinley, is expected to arrive here at 10 o'clock this morning, with his secretary, George Bruce Cortelyou, and other travelling companions. Morris K. Jesup, Cornelius N. Bliss and the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown will meet the President in Jersey City, and some other well-known citizens will greet him at the hotel there.

The missionaries and those interested in the conference are somewhat in the extent of wishing to have nothing in the nature of conference work going on Sunday, and there will be no conference meetings on that day. Some of the delegates, however, will preach or speak in different churches. About three hundred pulpits in this city and near-by cities will be occupied by foreign delegates and returned missionaries to the Ecumenical Conference. Fully twice that number of churches applied for foreign speakers, but delegates have been late in arriving and it was found impossible to complete arrangements. It is expected that on the second Sunday covered by the conference the number of foreign speakers in local pulpits will be much greater than to-morrow.

In the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth street, the Rev. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, the famous missionary under the Reformed Board, will be the preacher at the morning service. He was at one time assistant at this church. At the West Presbyterian Church the preacher will be the Rev. Dr. John G. Paton of New Hebrides, and at the Madison Avenue Reformed Church the Rev. Dr. L. H. Gordon. The Rev. Dr. H. Lange, of Berlin, a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Schaff, will preach in the Central Presbyterian Church, Madison Avenue and Forty-first street, and the Rev. Dr. Ashmore, of Swatow, China, in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Ashmore is a brother of Mrs. Adoniram Judson, the first American missionary to Burmah. The Rev. Dr. Lange will speak in German. The Rev. Dr. Paton will speak in the Presbyterian Church, Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth street, in the morning, and in the Reformed Church, Madison Avenue and Forty-ninth street, in the evening. The Rev. Dr. Paton is a brother of Mrs. Ashmore and of Mrs. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Hugh Miller Brown is so much better that she gave $1,000 to the conference fund.

An invitation was sent yesterday to Senator William P. Frye, President of the Senate, to attend the conference and to make an address. Senator Frye is a member of the Congregational church in Portland, Me., and has been active in Congressional prayer meetings. The Rev. Dr. Ashmore, who is a Congregationalist, will be the guest of Senator Frye while in Washington. The Rev. Dr. Ashmore will be the guest of the Rev. Dr. Paton while in New York. The Rev. Dr. Paton will be the guest of Mr. Adoniram Judson while in Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Lange will be the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Chamberlain, while in Boston.

Wyoming Methodist Conference.

OWEGO, N. Y., April 20.—At the annual meeting of the Wyoming Conference of the M. E. Church, under the chairmanship of Bishop Andrews, Assistant J. Wormley, Philip Hoffman, Jr., and Dr. [illegible] were elected delegates to the general conference to be held next month in Chicago.

Epworth League Against Worldly Amusements.

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The Rev. John Gilmore Addy Called to Brooklyn.

The Dutch Church of Flatbush, one of the churches of the Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., is going to Brooklyn as successor of the Rev. Dr. J. Lansing Burrell, the pastor of the Dutch Church, the church of the Dutch Reformed Church, the Rev. Dr. Addy, the Rev. Dr. Addy, the Rev. Dr. Addy