

BOOKS OF THE HOUR

SAVINGS OF A BOY DURING THE FIRST SEVEN YEARS OF HIS EXISTENCE

MRS. HOGAN'S CHILD STUDY

Five Hundred Original Drawings by the Child—Hezekiah Butterworth's "South America"—"Stories From the Old Testament"—"Life, Death and Immortality"—"Sinking of the Merrimac."

"A Study of a Child," Louise E. Hogan, Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

"The psychologists are determined to hunt down the secrets of the human mind, and Mrs. Hogan proposes to do her share. She has, therefore, kept a diary of the doings and sayings of her little boy during the first seven years of his existence, in order to furnish her contribution to the scientific material of the day, and has gone so far as to publish the results for the benefit of the world. He was, of course, rather a remarkable child. He had several teeth at four months old, and was able to sing correctly two lines of "Annie Rooney" at nine months old. With such a start we may well expect great things. He is the worthy child of good philosophical parents, for one day he says: "Mamma, I am like a little tree growing; but boys pull me over crooked and you straighten me. If mothers don't do this, the boys couldn't grow straight when they get older, but would be crooked." Now this is not only a highly moral reflection, but shows the budding power of

For educational purposes these old heresies of the utmost value, and to furnish a basis for adult knowledge and study of the Bible nothing could be better. It was a delicate task to adapt the stories, so that nothing might be lost to reverence, and much might be gained for comprehension. Mrs. Beale has performed it with intelligence and skill.

Life, Death, Immortality.

"Life, Death and Immortality," William M. Bryant, LL. D., The Baker & Taylor company, New York. For sale by the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

The essay which gives the title to the book is one of a number of papers by the author written at different times and under various influences, having nothing in common except that each of the nine relate to the various religious questions of the day. Dr. Bryant belongs to that scientific-philosophical school in St. Louis whose leading mind used to be Dr. Harris, now of the bureau of education, under whose remarkable influence the fusion of German philosophy with English science in an American intellectual center, somewhat restricted, but of intense influence, it is dedicated to Rev. Dr. Holland, who fell under the spell of Hegel, as have a number of the American leaders of the Episcopal church, and so was fitted for his new associations when he removed from Chicago to St. Louis. The modern point of view grafted on the German idealists is characteristic of Dr. Bryant's studies. His opening essay on immortality is based on a rational process of which the first formula is life, is essentially constructive. Sin is the only real antithesis of soul life, but that has no power to protect itself, and instead of the dogma of conditional immortality, we have the hope of restoration. Resurrection is a necessity for that perpetual process through which, stage by stage, man becomes in reality what he is in ideal or in type. Two discussions of other religions, a study of heresy that carries the war into the ultra-orthodox camp, and a study of the validity and superiority of Christian ethics go to make



MISS JANE HELEN FINDLATER, Who Has Just Completed the Novel "Rachel."

generalization, which is in itself the core of things scientific. But there is in the important work of our time. The growth of the child's vocabulary from "oh, mamma," "bab, em" and "gib em," up to quite elaborate English is exhaustively exhibited.

The 500 original drawings by the child which adorn the work are not works of art, nor are they of sufficient value for purposes of instruction to warrant their reproduction. The trouble with this book is, it should never have been printed. Children are so varied in their development that such a human exhibit cannot fail to be misleading. The first child in a home is a succession of surprises, but is not to be compared to the astonishment, amounting to a continual exclamation point, which ensues from the second child—she is so different from the first. Such data should be collected by hundreds, should be sifted, culled, and from the mass of it some orderly deductions might be made of great value to parent, teacher and student.

Footnotes to Evolution." "Footnotes to Evolution," a series of popular addresses, Herold evolution of life, by David Starr Jordan, Ph. D., and others, D. Appleton & Co., New York. For sale by the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

This volume of essays, by President Jordan and two associates in the Leland Stanford university, is the result of university extension work, and is an effort to put in a form easy of comprehension some of the leading positions of the modern scientific doctrine with which such names as Spencer and Darwin have become inseparably connected. It is not a reading, and yet, in some cases, the easier the reading, the worse the result. When we are gravely told that "Homology is the stamp of heredity; homology means blood relationship," we have been shocked at the tendency of modern biography to leave nothing sweet and sacred in the private life of our heroes; it must all be shown in the white light of modern realism, but all this is nothing to the outrage perpetrated on the child of Mrs. Hogan, who analyzes and exhibits her baby's soul to the stare of the unfeeling world. Besides, it is to be feared that the boy himself will be encouraged by the proud author to read his mother's book, even as she has read her child's mind. What a self-conscious little animal will he not be made!

And yet this book will be of absorbing interest to a multitude of proud young fathers and mothers who will read in the light of its pages the genius which their own offspring are blessed with. However, one comfort remains: Mrs. Hogan has placed up from her masters, Froebel, Preyer and others, a number of valuable suggestions on the rearing of children, but it may be cautiously hoped that they must be followed in the spirit and not in the letter, unless your baby happens to be an exact facsimile of Baby Hogan.

"South America." "South America," a popular illustrated history of the struggle for liberty in the Andean republics and Cuba, by Hezekiah Butterworth, New York. For sale by the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

"South America" will be more to the people of the United States, because of Cuba and Porto Rico, a continent of wonderful resources that have scarcely been touched, a climate of great variety, and a land with more arable soil than the whole of the United States, our neighbor continent is destined some day to assume a much larger place in human affairs. To those who wish accurate and extensive information as to the people, the products, or the institutions of Latin America, Mr. Butterworth can hardly serve as a guide. But he has written a book which is picturesque in its descriptions of persons and places, and has furnished an introduction to South American study that does present such men as Bolivar, Miller, San Martin, Sucre and others in a true and strong light. It is a sketchy story of the liberators, the hopes, the failures and disappointments which mark the history, with at least faint indications of the possible future before these countries which have been so much influenced by American institutions, and which are destined no doubt to play an important part in the development of the New World by way of recompense for the inspiration and assistance of the past hundred years.

"Stories From the Old Testament." "Stories From the Old Testament," Harriet S. B. Beale, Herbert S. Stone & Co., Chicago. For sale by the St. Paul Book and Stationery company.

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The Louisiana Purchase. "The Louisiana Purchase and Our Title West of the Rocky Mountains, With a Review of Annexation by the United States," by Hon. Charles Sumner, commissioner of the general land office.

One of the most interesting and valuable contributions to the literature of "Expansion" is a handsome bound volume, issued by the government printing office, "The Louisiana Purchase." It is written by Mr. Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, and is a most elaborate treatise on our title west of the Rocky mountains, now known as Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and portions of Montana and Wyoming. This position he supports by much documentary, traditional, and geographical evidence, proving that he has gone deeply into the subject. The historical portion of the book is a general and complete history of the first explorations on the Mississippi river to the time of President Jefferson. In summing up his conclusions the author says: "The Louisiana purchase proper embraces the entire states of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, parts of the states of Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Louisiana, all of the Indian Territory and part of Oklahoma Territory."

From this it will be seen that a large portion of territory lying west of Montana, and north of Utah and Nevada, away to the Alaskan line, was never a portion of the Louisiana purchase. More than this Mr. Hermann shows quite conclusively the fact that more hereditarily is the territory we actually laid claim to after payment of \$15,000,000, the price agreed upon, with Napoleon Bonaparte, was a great deal larger than what France supposed she was getting. In delivering to us, in the review of annexation the author dwells enthusiastically on the great benefit accruing to us from the acquisition of Hawaii, and devotes considerable space to the discussion of the constitutionality of annexation in general. The work is beautifully illustrated with maps and portraits of the earlier pioneers in the annexation business in the United States.

LITERARY NOTES.

Small, Maynard & Co., of Boston, have printed a neat little volume on Washington's Farewell Address, with a preface by Worthington Chase, and an editor of the writings of George Washington, and a facsimile of one of Washington's letters.

George C. Gorham has written "The Life of Edwin M. Stanton," which is in some good degree a history of the war, since Mr. Stanton was so immediately connected with the military, and his movements, its maintenance, its occasional defeat, and its final triumph.

In "The Writer" (Boston) for March Ruth Hall again takes up the question whether "literary rights" exist, and analyzes the contents of leading magazines.

The new volume of poet-lore opens most attractively, with "Thru," a poetic short story from the Norse of Bjornson, and an extremely diverting story, of which an American girl, by the name of the French of Anatole France, Mr. John Alton, contributes an exquisite literary creation, really a love story, by the pen of a sort of rhymed storiote, by Dr. Richard Burton.

A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, have in press "These Dale Givers," by Frances Weston Carruth. It depicts the fortunes of a family that has fallen suddenly from affluence to poverty. Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, who is one of the most popular of American novel writers, is about to contribute to the Macmillan company a new work by the name of "Trinity Bells," the serial is called; and it will be published in the April number, and run for half a year.

A SHORT FRONTIER STORY

Illustrating the Difference in the Methods of Legislation in the United States and Canada.

(BY HON. C. E. FLANDRAU.)

On reading The Globe of last Sunday I was struck by the caption of "Gold Lace Lawmaking," which recalled an amusing incident in my experience which occurred in 1856. The editorial said: "When the lawmakers of the province of Manitoba met at Winnipeg the occasion was something to impress the voter. The Royal Canadian Dragoons paraded, and the Thirtieth field battery roared a salute. Mark the contrast. On one side of the line, ceremony, gold lace and honor. On the other, nothing but a few clean collars and a campfire of the lobby."

It is not my intention to discuss the question of which is the better method, but to relate an incident which will cast some light on the views people of the two sections take of legislative etiquette and ceremony, and the slight effect such ideas have on the practical subject of legislation and the conduct of the legislator.

In the year 1856 I was elected by the people of the Minnesota valley to the Territorial council, which corresponds to the state senate under our present political organization. At the same election a neighbor of mine—George McLeod—was elected to the house of representatives from the same district. George was a Scotch-Canadian, who had passed his life in that part of Canada where French is the dominant language, and it had become his familiar tongue. He was a giant in build, being much over six feet in height and correspondingly powerful. He was red headed, and although quite well educated, preferred his lists to any other weapons in argument, and generally carried his points. He was fond of good horses, boasted of his skill as a hunter and possessed all the requisites of a successful frontiersman. He added to these accomplishments an extensive knowledge of Scotch poetry and a varied repertoire of choice songs, which he sang on all appropriate occasions. On the whole, George might be classified as an all-around good fellow. Another attribute which I must not forget to mention was that he was the brother of one of our most distinguished first settlers, Martin McLeod, who presided over the first territorial council, which convened in 1849, and also the brother of Rev. Norman McLeod, a plucky Presbyterian preacher who settled in Salt Lake in the '50s and preached the gentle religion when Mormonism was at its height, and its disciples were in the habit of killing people who differed from them.

After the excitement of the election was over, George naturally began to reflect upon his exalted position, and of course all his conclusions were reached from a Canadian point of view. Feeling a little doubt on some questions, he decided to consult me, supposing I was more familiar with the American way of doing things than he possibly could be; so one day he came to see me on the all-encompassing subject. We found each other in the regular costume of the country, which consisted of blue flannel shirts, cheap slop-shop trousers, Red river moccasins, and the whole finished off with a scarlet Hudson's bay, or variegated Pembina sash, all of which was quite picturesque, but carried with it no semblance of pretentious aristocracy. I welcomed George with great cordiality, and he at once opened his subject. He said: "Flandreau, giving my name the full French pronunciation, when we get down to parliament, we will have to set up a coach." My surprise may be well imagined, when I told you a journey of a hundred miles on foot was to either of us an unusual event, and that neither McLeod nor I had been the owner of a boot or a shoe for several years. I, however, restrained my astonishment, and asked: "What makes you think so?" His reply was "that it was entirely inadmissible for a member of parliament to walk from his hotel to the Parliament house, or to ride in a public conveyance." The question of British or Canadian etiquette flashed upon me, and explained McLeod's meaning, but it required an immense effort on my part to control my laughter, when I

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