

triumphs of man over nature, the progress of discovery and invention, have all been illustrated by names "on Fame's eternal bead-roll worthy to be filed."

Rambles in Old Boston, New England. By the Rev. Edward G. Porter. Illustrated by George R. Tolman. Boston: Cupples, Upham & Co. 1887. 4to, pp. 439.

ALL Bostonians are aware of the fact that Old Boston lies at the North End. At the first settlement of the town, the line of occupation was from the water-front up State Street, northerly along Court Street, under the shadow of Beacon Hill, and then easterly across a creek to that Copp's Hill which terminated the peninsula. A century later, Washington Street was extended southerly, but Boylston Street was decidedly South End. Castle Street, or the present line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, was the absolute terminus of the town. But the most interesting local associations hang around the old town. There dwelt all the colonial Governors and also all their chief opponents. Here lived the rulers of the town meetings and the originators of the town caucuses. Here the spirit of independence was kept alive from the time of Andros to that of Hutchinson; and here the desire for freedom of personal action was artfully and speedily developed into armed resistance to the mother country.

All good Bostonians knew these facts in our grandfathers' days, because they lived on these sites. But in our fathers' time the Mill-pond was filled in, then the South Cove disappeared, and a notable emigration took the old settlers to more southerly localities. The great Irish influx filled up these streets, abandoned by the native-born, and so conveniently situated to house the laborers employed on the adjacent wharves. The stately houses of colonial times became accustomed to Celtic accents, and the Puritan churches allowed themselves to show the golden cross.

Another turn of the wheel, and the Irish colonist, or rather his progeny, born, educated, and developed, has already commenced a new exodus, which finds an ending in the fields of Roxbury and Dorchester. To the first strangers

has succeeded a horde of new-comers from southern Europe. Italians and Portuguese have driven out the Irish, underbidding them for work, and crowding them out by mere strength of numbers and clannish feeling. A young man, born here of Irish parents, recently remarked that as a boy he was the only Irish scholar in his school; and to-day, at the age of thirty, he is the only Irish resident on the street, having continued, accidentally, to reside in the house where he was born.

These two tidal waves having swept over the territory, it is not strange that Mr. Porter's book is a necessity and a revelation. It is a necessity, for Yankees really required a guide-book to the place. It is a revelation, for it shows how much of Old Boston has survived, disfigured and dismantled, but still discernible and instructive. His care and patience have been well seconded by the pencil of his artist. We can now at our leisure realize the appearance of colonial Boston, and, if we please, can still visit and examine the glories of the past.

It would be useless to try to enumerate the interesting topics discussed in this volume. The author pursues no set plan of peregrination, but strays here and there, noting every picturesque dwelling and setting down the names of departed worthies. From Sir Williamhips to Henry Ward Beecher, from Cotton Mather to Josiah Quincy, from the earliest generation to the present time, something is everywhere gleaned to illustrate his subject. It is a genuine result of enthusiasm tempered by discretion; and while it will amuse every reader for an hour, it also preserves matters rapidly falling into oblivion, and merits a place among the works of our standard historians.

The Pharaohs of the Bondage and the Exodus. By Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D. The Century Co. 1887.

THESE lectures, delivered in the Madison Avenue Church, New York, contain a number of interesting details in connection with the recent Egyptian discoveries of Maspero, Brugsch, Naville, Mr. Flinders Petrie, and others, and are so far useful. It is to be regretted that

the author has not treated the material in a larger way. His whole interest is theological, and his theology is sectarian. He has no feeling for the grand civilization of old Egypt, and no conception of its higher religious and ethical ideas. He looks on the monuments merely as material for illustrating what he thinks to be the ancient history of the Israelites, which he supposes to be given in the Pentateuch without admixture of legend. His judgment of Egyptian personages is wholly determined by their fancied relation to the Jews. The legendary daughter of Pharaoh, who is said to have adopted Moses as her son, excites his warmest interest, while for Seti I. he can find no adjectives harsh enough to characterize his career; and it evidently has never occurred to him that those same adjectives are virtually applied to King David in the Old Testament narrative. In the same spirit he quotes those Old Testament prophecies against Egypt which he thinks have been fulfilled, and says nothing of those, such as Isaiah xix, 25, which have obviously never been fulfilled. It is a pity that this little volume, so admirably printed and designed for popular reading, should thus ignore the principles of historical criticism. The author, in fact, regards the modern Biblical criticism as an attack on the Christian religion (page 38), which is both a misrepresentation of criticism and treason against Christianity.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

Abbott—Halliday. Henry Ward Beecher: A Sketch of his Career, with Incidents and Reminiscences of his Life. New ed. Hartford: American Publishing Co. As Common Mortals: A Novel. Cassell & Co. 50 cents. Beckett, C. H. Who is John Norman? Cassell & Co. \$1. Benham, Rev. W. The Dictionary of Religion: An Encyclopædia of Christian and Other Religious Doctrines, Denominations, Sects, etc. Cassell & Co. \$5. Bolmer, Rev. W. B. The Church and the Faith: A Philosophical History of the Catholic Church. E. & J. B. Young & Co. \$3. Butler, H. E. Solar Biology: A Scientific Method of Delectating Character, &c. Illustrated. Boston: Esoteric Publishing Co. Cooper, Susan Fenimore. Rural Hours. New ed. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25. Dawson, G. F. Life and Services of Gen. John A. Logan, as Soldier and Statesman. Belford, Clarke & Co. \$3. Enault, L. Le Chien du Capitaine. W. R. Jenkins. 25 cents. Haggard, H. R. Dawn. Harper & Brothers. Haggard, H. R. She: A History of Adventure. Harper & Brothers. Heard, A. F. The Russian Church and Russian Dissent. Harper & Brothers. Hugo, V. Les Misérables. Première Partie. Fantine. W. R. Jenkins. \$1.

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