

Book Reviews

hazard because the Home does not exist only for the young, and the needs of youth must of necessity be subordinated at times to the requirements of the other members of the family. The School is the only institution which exists primarily and principally for the young.' (p. 22).

We may seem cruel in saying, yet we must say, that to our mind these underlying principles are largely responsible for that *schooling* (falsely called *Education*) which is making bankrupt every nation that adopts them.

V. McN.

ST. PATRICK, A.D. 180. By Rev. John Roche Ardill, LL.D. (John Murray).

It is a little difficult to make up one's mind charitably about this book on St. Patrick. Practical joking is such a natural product of Ireland that we are in doubt how to take the Rev. J. R. Ardill when, with seeming seriousness, he sets out to prove that St. Patrick flourished about 180, and incidentally was an Elizabethan Protestant some fourteen centuries before Queen Bess. The same historical methods could prove that St. Patrick was a sound Christian Scientist seventeen centuries before Mrs. Eddy. *Verbum sap.*

V. McN.

ECCLESIASTICAL GREEK FOR BEGINNERS. By J. E. Lowe, M.A. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne, 1931; 8vo; pp. xii, 148; 5/-).

This welcome and useful book was written, says Miss Lowe, for 'the man in the street who wishes, from interest or amusement or anything else, to acquire with a minimum amount of effort enough Greek to enable him to read, if not with ease, at least with understanding, the New Testament in the original.' It is admirably suited to anyone who, whether privately or with the aid of a teacher, wishes to acquire a sufficient working knowledge of Greek. Its whole content and arrangement is determined by this purpose; it aims primarily at clarity and brevity, and while containing all essentials, avoids the details of erudition. The first part of the grammar is a gradual introduction to the whole of Greek accidence and syntax with exercises. The second, and in many ways the more valuable, part consists of a very clear collection of paradigms and a summary of syntax.

The book can be strongly recommended: it supplies a need felt by many, not only outside, but within our seminaries.

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