MISCELLANEOUS.

Schools of Apastamba, Gautama, Våsishtha, and Baudhåyana, translated by the late Georg Bühler; and The Zend-Avesta, translated by James Darmesteter— Part I., The Vendidåd; Part II., The Strðzahs, Yasts, and Nyáyis. While the letter-press is not as good as that of the original edition, it is tolerably clear, and upon the whole the work will serve the same purpose as its prototype. "We may well hope," says Prof. Max Müller in the Preface, "that a study of the Sacred Books of the East may produce a kindlier feeling on the part of many people, and more particularly of missionaries, towards those who are called heathen, or even children of Satan, though they have long, though ignorantly, worshipped the God who is to be declared unto them, and that a study of the religions, if based on really trustworthy documents, will enable many people to understand and appreciate their own religion more truly and more fairly."

HERACLITUS TRANSFIGURED.

(500 B. C.)

The salt sea laps the shores of many lands— Now whipping the black sky with sharp, white spray, Now seeping noiseless through the level sands, In shallow pools, where little children play; Now glassing the fierce heat of tropic skies, Now, where the sun doth neither set nor rise, Heaped into frozen tumult, far and lone— But, in all moods and climes, the Sea is One.

And as its waves surge to their utmost height, Only to break and form new waves again— As Fire devours things precious in our sight, To give what Nature else might seek in vain— As dead, to living leaves, their lost life give, So we, in dying, do most truly live. Eternal change still grinds relentless on, And on its wheel Birth, Life, and Death, are One.

(1899 A. D.)

Life, in new forms, forever is new born— The pushing green things break the cold spring sod; The hour-old lambs, beneath the dappled dawn, With awkward gambols, warm their timid blood; The babe's first cry, with fond rejoicings blent, Gladdens the home, but—spending, yet unspent— Beneath our feet, or in the farthest sun— Life, through expression manifold, is One.

HENRIETTA R. ELIOT.

BOOK REVIEWS.

LEÇONS DE GÉOMÉTRIE ÉLÉMENTAIRE (GÉOMÉtrie plane). By Jacques Hadamard Paris, Colin et Cie., 1898. Pp. xvi + 308.

One of the most interesting and promising movements of the present time, in the line of elementary mathematics, is that headed by M. Darboux, dean of the