

relation to the school, and of its relation to the earlier education is here concisely and clearly told. The later work of Beza in the reform of education is also briefly treated. It is a valuable addition to the history of education and the Reformation.

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**Church History Handbooks.** By Henry C. Vedder, Professor of Church History in Crozer Theological Seminary. The Griffith and Rowland Press, Philadelphia. Book I, "Early Church History"; Book II, "The Period of the Reformation"; Book III, "Modern Church History"; Book IV, "Baptist History".

These four small volumes are designed for the use of Bible classes. Hitherto the rich field of Church History has been almost unknown to the average layman. With these manuals in hand it is possible to get a glimpse of the subject which may be of some value; but having attempted so much it is a question if it would not be better to attempt more. It is extremely difficult to write so condensed an account of so great a subject, and equally difficult to be profited and interested by its study. Dr. Vedder has doubtless done as well as the plan imposed upon him would admit, but it is not best or even adequate, in the opinion of the reviewer. It is, however, very desirable that our people should be informed on the history of Christianity, and Dr. Vedder has used the space allotted him well. In addition to a brief, compact treatment of important subjects there is a short, carefully selected bibliography and a suggestive quiz at the end of each section. The reviewer knows of nothing better adapted than these volumes to meet the need which they were designed to meet. It would be pleasing to know that they were being widely used.

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**Sir Henry Vane, Jr., Governor of Massachusetts and Friend of Roger Williams and Rhode Island.** By Henry Melville King, Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I. Preston & Rounds Co., Providence, R. I., 1909. Pages 207.

The title of this work would lead the reader to expect a biography of the great Puritan statesman and friend of liberty. But such is not the case. It is really a treatment of Sir Henry Vane's relation to Rhode Island and the experiment in religious