hands of mercy, to remind each passer-by — the physician and the nurse, as they pursue their ministry of relief; the student, as he begins his daily task; and the sufferer from injury or disease that over all this institution rests the perpetual benediction of Christian charity, the constant spirit of "good will to man." Upon one hill of Baltimore rises a temple "whose guardian crest, the silent cross," is an emblem of the Christian faith; upon another a lofty column reminds us of the patriots' hope; upon a third the Hôtel-Dieu is placed, — the house of charity. Significant triad! Here "abideth faith, hope, charity, . . . but the greatest of these is charity."

BOOK-REVIEWS.

Economic Value of Electric Light and Power. By A. R. FOOTE. Cincinnati, Robert Clarke & Co. 16°. \$1.

THE author of this little book claims that the spirit moved him, as it were, to write it *pro bono publico*. The book is essentially a collection of papers read before scientific societies, and extracts from magazine articles on the applications of electricity for producing light and in the transmission of power. Mr. Foote is a strong believer in the future of electricity as an agent in furthering human comfort, and we doubt not that many who may be pondering on the question of introducing electricity in their homes or factories will find valuable suggestions within the covers of this book. In an appendix is given a glossary of electrical terms for the benefit of unprofessional readers.

Treatise on Trigonometry. By W. E. JOHNSON. London and New York, Macmillan. 12°. \$2.25.

THIS work is intended for both those who are beginning the subject and hope to continue their mathematical studies, and those

who wish to revive their knowledge of trigonometry and to extend it beyond the limits of the ordinary text-book. The treatise is so written as to make a good introduction to much of the higher mathematics; Chapter IX., on the geometry of the triangle, being sure to help those desirous of entering upon modern geometrical developments, and the final chapter presenting a fair view of the transition from the earlier interpretations of $\sqrt{-1}$ to the quaternions of Hamilton.

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

HARPER BROTHERS published last week H. Rider Haggard's story of "old and mysterious Egypt," entitled "Cleopatra: being an Account of the Fall and Vengeance of Harmachis, the Royal Egyptian, as set forth by his own Hand." The book is profusely illustrated from drawings by Mr. Greiffenhagen and R. Caton Woodville.

— D. Lothrop Company have issued recently, among many other books, "One Voyage," a story of life at sea from the passenger's point of view, by Capt. Julius A. Palmer; also a pictorial "History of England in Rhyme," and a similar one of the United States. Later they will publish new editions of "Art for Young People" and "Adventures of the Early Discoverers," by Mrs. F. A. Humphrey.

- The J. B. Lippincott Company have in preparation "Elementary Lessons in Heat," by Professor S. E. Tillman, of the United States Military Academy; and a new subscription-book entitled "A Manual of Machine Construction," a practical reference-book for the design, proportions, and method of constructing all kinds of machinery in common use, with all required references for the use of engineers, draughtsmen, and mechanics, by John Richards.



in results of any electrically equipped road; it having at its powerstation but one 30-horse-power generator, which operates eight cars over grades running as high as 10 per cent without indications of overheating, and frequently tow-cars are used with those equipped with motors. On one branch of the system the necessity of speedy equipment compelled the use of a No. 2 copper wire without feeders, such wire being the only available material; yet, with this small conductor, the cars are run at a rate of six miles per hour up a 10-per-cent grade, three miles distant from the station.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge Company are progressing rapidly with the electrical equipment of the recently purchased horse-car lines in Council Bluffs. For the operation of such lines they have purchased ten additional motor-trucks and two generators from the Thomson-Houston Electric Company. In placing this order for additional apparatus, the management of the road state, in a letter to the Thomson-Houston Company, that

they consider their present line equipped with the Thomson-Houston system the most perfect electric railway in the world.

The Omaha Motor Railway Company is nearly ready to begin operations with the Thomson-Houston electric system. The largest power-station which has yet been constructed for electricrailway operation is owned by this company, and the car-equipment ranks second in quantity among electric railways yet constructed, it having twenty-six motor-cars, each of which will be used to tow at least one additional car, and many of the motor-cars will tow two additional cars. The success of the Thomson-Houston system on the Omaha and Council Bluffs line has made the citizens of Omaha jubilant at the immediate prospect of such rapid transit being given them over their entire city. In addition to the equipment ready to be put in, the company intends to add twenty additional motor-cars upon the extensions to its system within a few

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