

"I can believe this dread machinery
Of sin and sorrow would confound me else
Devised—all pain at most expenditure
Of pain by Who devised pain."

That is to say, the burden which falls upon his spirit as he burdens the suffering and the incompleteness here, is relieved and can at least be borne when he remembers that God Himself has entered into the region of pain, "bearing our sins and carrying our sorrows." In "A Death in the Desert" we have the same confession, that all is well if in Jesus Christ men saw for once the face of God.

"I say, the acknowledgment of God in Christ
Accepted by this reason, solved for thee
All questions in the earth and out of it."

Eleanor Lee, by Margaret E. Sangster. Price \$1.25, Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. This is the story of a girl's married life told in an interesting manner, and with the good literary style peculiar to Mrs. Sangster's writing. Eleanor is a true and beautiful character whose nature is not embittered by the trials she goes through on account of the weakness of her husband who is addicted to the occasional abuse of stimulants. The volume is a handsome one, bound in dark green cloth, while the letter press is clear.

More Five Minute Stories by Laura E. Richards, price \$1.00. Dana Estes and Co., Boston. Miss Richards needs no introduction to children. For years she has been a favorite writer for girls and each new book from her pen is warmly welcomed. This collection of short stories well in prose and others in verse, with their many illustrations, will delight both children and grown-ups, for each story is just the right length to be read aloud without tiring either reader or hearer, and there seems too to be a story for almost every special occasion. We commend this book heartily to our readers.

Lord Dolphin, by Harriet A. Cheener, 40c. Dana Estes and Company, Boston. This dainty little volume with its pretty linen cover and its half dozen illustrations, will make a charming gift book for any child. In it the Dolphin tells in a most realistic manner the story of his own life from the time that he was born in the Mediterranean Sea till he once more succeeded in reaching that refuge after being exhibited for some time in the New York Zoo. He gives a great deal of useful information about life in the sea—about divers, pearls, shells, sponges, sharks and whales—and the child will learn much while thoroughly enjoying himself.

Harper's Bazar for November is Thanksgiving number, and even the cover is appropriate to that idea. Josephine Grenier gives a talk on Thanksgiving Dinners which we Canadians would do well to keep on hand till next year, since it comes too late for our Thanksgiving this year. Mrs. Peter's Thanksgiving is a quite delightful short story; and Marguerite Merington has a clever little play, "Grouse out of Season." An attractive feature is the first of a series of articles by Henry Van Dyke called Little Essay on Girls. Among the many good articles on household topics we may mention that on Embroidered Household Linen. Harper and Brothers, New York.

Gipsy Jane, by Harriet A. Cheever. Dana Estes and Company, New York. This is a good story that will charm children, being from beginning to end full of improbable happenings. Gipsy Jane is a little girl who has never lived in a house or slept in a bed—she has always dwelt in the woods

with her gipsy grandmother who has taught her to dance beautifully and to play the tambourine. How she dances before enthusiastic spectators at a concert hall and how she finds her father a rich gentleman, is told brightly; and the story will not seem to children unreal and impossible as it does to grown folks, for children are quite accustomed to considering that fairy tales may be real.

The Nineteenth Century and After. Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. This month there are the usual articles on The Fiscal Controversy, and the relationship of the colonies to the mother country. These subjects will, of course, be discussed for some time to come, and particularly in view of Mr. Chamberlain's proposal. Other contributions may be mentioned as London Education, The Negro Problem in the United States, Joan of Arc, The Gardens of Ancient Rome, etc., etc. The veteran Nonconformist, the Reverend Doctor J. Guinness Rogers, writes on The Nonconformist Uprising. He appears to think that the opponents of the Education Bill are determined to fight to the bitter end. Of "passive resistance" he says: "It must be added that there are many Nonconformists who, like myself, do not adopt this policy, who yet are equally pronounced in their opposition to the Education Acts of the last two years. Remembering the peculiar circumstances under which the Parliament was elected, they regard such legislation as morally, if not legally, unconstitutional. Hence, while they refuse to take action which to them appears unconstitutional in resistance, they are at once with their brethren in uncompromising hostility. "We will never submit" was not the utterance of passive resisters only, but of the entire Free Church Council. Personally I sought to have that strong expression modified lest it should seem to sanction a policy I could not approve, but to day I am glad that it was retained in its uncompromising resistance. It is well the country should know that to this act of tyranny the Nonconformist will never submit. There are two different plans of resistance, but there is perfect agreement in the feeling, to which Lord Roseberry has given such emphatic expression, that if Nonconformists were to fail now, they would cease to be a political force in the nation."

Ethics for Young People by C. C. Everett Bussey, Professor of Theology in Harvard University. Ginn & Co., Boston, 50c. This is the kind of book to place in the hands of young people to guide them towards right thinking and noble feeling in matters of the highest importance. We know at least one of our ministers who used this suggestive volume as a text book for his Bible class. He followed the lines laid down in the book and was able to weave into the scheme appropriate Scripture passages and illustrations from his own experience. Never was there a time when it was more important than at present that our young people should be well trained in great moral principles to fit them for the worship of God and the service of their fellow men. There is an attempt on the part of some thinkers to separate morality from religion and we know what great success the practical politicians have often had in separating their sphere of activity both from morality and religion. The minister is a preacher of the gospel, that is, he has a message of mercy to mankind, but this message is from the righteous God and the minister as the suc-

cessor of prophets and apostles must be a preacher of righteousness. This need cannot be met by mere denunciation of evil habits and fashion; the successful performance of this high duty demands thoughtful preparation along lines similar to those marked out in this small book. The book deals with its subject in a fourfold division: I. Morality in general. II. Duties towards oneself. III. Duties towards others. IV. Helps and Hindrances. The opening chapters on such subjects as "The Relation of Ethics to other Studies," "The Relation of the different Sciences to Reality," "Ethics as a Way of Life," etc., etc., give the young student a glimpse into the great world of thought in which everything is related to everything else. The treatment of particular parts of the subject is admirable. Without condescending too far it is concrete, simple and forcible. If our young people could be got to read such books instead of so much of the feeble stuff that fills up their spare time the situation would be more hopeful. Note some of the weighty sayings: "Self respect is the foundation of true manliness and womanliness. When a person has lost this there is little that can be done for him." "Patriotism is not merely the loving one's own country and being proud of it. It has its duties as well as its pleasures. We should not be contented merely to take the good that others have won for us, doing nothing ourselves for the country for which they did so much." "Society is like a building, which stands firm when its foundations are strong and all its timbers sound. The man who cannot be trusted is to society what a bit of rotten timber is to a house." "A habit of courtesy is like a delicate wrapping which prevents one personality from rubbing and chafing against another; and it thus prevents much of the friction and irritation of life." "If the artist takes such pains with the plaster that he is forming, so that it may harden into a shape of beauty, what care should we take of the habits which are to effect so strongly and permanently our bodies, our minds, our hearts."

The real measure of a man's character is what he is at his best, in the direction of his idealward striving. It is what he seeks to be, rather than what he is. At his best, every man is below his highest ideal, and below his best there is in every man that which is quite unworthy of him and which he is persistently struggling away from.

Workless faith God never regards,
Faithless work God never rewards.

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