

THE BOOK PAGE

Korean Folk Tales : Imps, Ghosts and Fairies, is the attractive title of a book by James S. Gale (J. M. Dent & Sons, Toronto and London, E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 233 pages, \$1.00). Dr. Gale is a Canadian, and that fact will add to the interest of his book amongst people living in this country. But the book will win its readers by its own charm. Here are stories "translated," Dr. Gale tells us, "for the first time from the Korean of Im Bang and Yi Ryuk," which will give endless delight to the little ones who are always clamoring for "a story," which the boys and girls, and grown-ups, too, for that matter, will read eagerly and by which serious students will be helped to an insight into the Korean mind. Dr. Gale has made a real contribution to the literature of missions besides giving us an altogether delightful lot of tales.

A story that grips and holds is **Fortitude** : Being a True and Faithful Account of the Education of an Adventurer, by Hugh Walpole (George H. Doran Company, New York, Bell & Cocksburn, Toronto, 484 pages, \$1.40 net). The author has chosen as the motto for his book the noble words from Milton's *Areopagitica* : "I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies forth and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race when that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat." Life was a hard fight for Peter Westcott, the hero of the tale, from the time that he had to endure cruel beatings at the hand of a merciless father and, a little later, faced up against the bullying and vice which prevailed in a type of public school, now happily unknown, to the last fierce struggle, in which, deserted by his wife and having failed as an author, he almost gave up the battle. Almost, but not quite, and he was set a-fighting once more,—and this time to win—by the words of a woman who loved him. "'Tisn't life that matters! 'Tis the courage you bring to it.'" These words of old Frosted Moses sitting in the warm-kitchen corner of a Cornish inn are the keynote of the story, which, apart from its vivid interest, is fitted to give new courage and hope to those who have come up against life's hard places. The background of the narrative is life in Cornwall, and there are many interesting sidelights on the characteristics of the people in that ancient duchy.

From Thomas Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh and Toronto, we have received **African Fires**, by Stewart Edward White (415 pages, \$1.75). Starting from Marseilles, Mr. White's vivid narrative takes us to Port Said, through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, past Aden and on to Mombasa, and then into the interior of the Dark Continent. There are fine descriptive bits relating to incidents by the way and adventures galore when the destination has been reached. A great store of information, too, one finds in this volume, about the countries in which its scenes are found. And the information is given in the most delightful form. The attractiveness of the book is greatly enhanced by the splendid half-tone illustrations,—a round score and a half of them in all. Another beautiful book from the same publishers is **In Pursuit**

of Spring, by Edward Thomas (301 pages, \$1.75), the narrative of a journey by bicycle at Easter time from London to the Quantock Hills lying back from Bristol Channel, with Wales in the far distance across the water. The title of the book sprang from the author's fancy that the springtime would reach the Onantocks when he did. In the most charming fashion, we are told the experiences and musings the traveler saw by the way. Topics of the utmost variety are introduced,—here we have a really interesting account of clay pipes and the various sorts of earth from which they are made, and there a chapter on three Wessex poets, Stephen Duck and William Barnes and Thomas Hardy. One can imagine few more enjoyable holidays than one spent in following Mr. Thomas' footsteps with his book in hand. Many who cannot do that, may spend a pleasant hour or two in reading the book. The illustrations are exquisite specimens of the engraver's art.

Herbert Alden Youtz is professor of Christian Theology in Auburn Theological Seminary. His new book, **The Enlarging Conception of God** (The Macmillan Company, Toronto and New York, 195 pages, \$1.25), is a plea for a restatement of the conception of God in terms of the thought and life of to-day. It is a commonplace, that in modern times study, invention, discovery and achievement have made the world new. But every addition to our knowledge of the created universe furnishes us with a new, or at least, an enlarged idea of the creator. Constantly, therefore, our knowledge of God should be increasing. He should be to us a far greater God than He was to Abraham, and we should not be content with thinking of Him as Abraham thought of Him. That is one thing for which Professor Youtz pleads, that our conception of God should be bigger. The other is that there should be a keener sense of the present power of God, that He should be seen in all the movements of modern life and thought as clearly as in the distant past. The book calls for truer thinking about God that His might in the affairs of to-day may be more vividly realized.

Church Publicity is a substantial, well printed and well indexed volume of 421 pages. The writer is Rev. Christian S. Reisner, D.D., who has had "sixteen years experience in aggressive cities, where tremendous effort was necessary to get a hearing"—but who got that hearing, and hence writes with the insight of one who has "done things." The publishers are the Methodist Book Concern, New York, and the price is \$1.50 net. The whole question of the propriety of church advertising, and its advantages is discussed at length ; but the major part of the book is taken up with specimens of church advertising that have brought results. These specimens include every possible variety of publicity, bulletin board, handbill, dodger, folder, post card, newspaper advertisement, methods of Sunday School advertising, Bible Class advertising, special meetings, etc., etc. Late experiments, on a large scale, such as in the Men and Religion Movement and the Go-to-Church Sunday have attested the value of church publicity. To those who wish to go into the question thoroughly and who desire hints and models of all sorts, Dr. Reisner's book is commended.