

in the history of Presbyterian Missions in India, and his biography by James M. Macphail, M.A., M.D. (Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh, 320 pages, \$1.50 net), is a useful contribution to our knowledge of missionary enterprise in that land.

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To the boys and girls of his congregation, Rev. James Jeffrey, D.D., dedicates his new and fresh volume of short sermons, **The Way of Life**: Illustrations of the Book of Proverbs for the Young (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh: U.C.

Tract Society, Toronto, 298 pages, \$1.25). He is a man to be envied who can catch the ear of the boys and girls. Mr. Jeffrey has the faculty, and he does it by direct speech and abundant illustration. The Proverbs give him a wide field, and in the fifty-two addresses, one for each Sunday in the year, he has taken full advantage of it. The topics are as varied as well can be, and apply to every side of child life. Teachers and preachers who wish to discover the avenue to the hearts and consciences of their scholars, will get good guidance there, and the boys and girls themselves will find the book, bit by bit, good for a Sunday afternoon.

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