

phenomena, boulders, stratification, erosion, sedimentation, and the like, are carefully examined. The latter part of the book is devoted to a logical arrangement of the facts observed, and to the study of lithological, structural, dynamical, paleontological and historical geology. The whole subject is as interesting as a novel. If our younger readers, especially, would take it up systematically, it would give them a key to much of the unexplained significance of the universe around them, and give a perennial delight to their observations of nature. To the readers of this MAGAZINE it will detract nothing from the interest in this book to know that Dr. Winchell has been for many years an honoured member of the Methodist Church.

*Imago Christi: The Example of Christ.* By the Rev. JAMES STALKER, M. A. New York: American Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Stalker is well known as the author of one of the most popular *Lives of Christ*—a book selected for use by the Epworth Leagues throughout the continent. This book is the outcome of studies connected with that work. One of the most influential books in all Christian literature is the "Imitation of Christ," attributed to Thomas à Kempis—a book which throbs with devotion to Christ, and stirs the hearts of Christians in every age. But the "Imitation" bears marks of the evil time in which it was written. There are in it elements of superstition and Mariolatry, which the Protestant conscience rejects. This book has much of the moral spell of the old mediæval manual of devotion. It is also marked by that spiritual power which comes only from contact with the Divine. It is forever true that Christ, if He be lifted up, will draw all men unto Him. In this volume the image of our Lord is set forth as influencing the home, the state, the Church and society; as a friend, a worker, a preacher and teacher, a sufferer, and as a lover and winner of souls. As

we walk with Him in thought "our hearts burn within us," as did the hearts of the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

*The Biblical Illustrator.* By the Rev. JOSEPH S. EXCELL, M. A. St. Luke. Vol. III. 8vo, pp. 684. London: James Nisbet & Co.; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

This is one of the most extensive and comprehensive works illustrative of the Gospel of St. Luke that we know. Its character may be briefly summed up in the announcement on the title page. It contains "Anecdotes, similes, emblems—illustrations, expository, scientific, geographical, historical, and homiletical—gathered from a wide range of home and foreign literature on the verses of the Bible." What lends special interest and value to the book at the present time is that it covers very fully the greater part of the Sunday-school lessons of the year 1890. The greater part, we say, for this volume begins at the fourteenth chapter and continues to the end of the Gospel. Two other volumes give the earlier part of the Gospel. Nothing so fixes upon the mind a religious truth as an apt illustration. Such illustrations are plentifully given in these pages, the close printing of which compresses a vast amount of material within their scope.

*Supreme things in their Practical Relations.* By the Rev. E. F. BURR, D.D., LL.D. Pp. 430. New York: American Tract Society; and Wm. Briggs, Toronto. Price \$1.75.

Dr. Burr is well known as the author of those admirable works, "Ecce Cœlum," "Ad Fidem," "Celestial Empires," etc., which have been previously reviewed in these pages. In this book his pen has not forgot its cunning. He is master of a singularly felicitous style—easy to read and easy to remember. He discourses here of the most important themes in the universe—the supreme Book, the Bible; the