

curate and painstaking worker, and as a consequence his details become at times a little tiring or tiresome to the conscientious reader. "The Day's Work" will not detract from his reputation, neither will it add very greatly to it, though any writer might be proud of Bread Upon the Waters. The general verdict of the press is that it is Kipling's greatest success, and it is having a large sale.

Mr. Chapman, of St. Catherine Street, sends four books for review. Two of these are published by the Poole Printing Company, of Toronto. They are entitled "Richard Bruce," and "The Twentieth Door," by the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, minister of the Central Church, Topeka, Kansas. They contain each 250 duodecimo pages, plainly printed, and paper bound. Most readers of the Talks are familiar with Mr. Sheldon's first quarter dollar's worth of Sunday Evening Story Sermons, entitled "In His Steps; What Would Jesus Do?" The books just named are connected discourses of a similar nature. "In His Steps" took the religious reading world by storm. It was a refreshing novelty, combining all the features of the religious novel with the gospel message in the form at least of example, and with a scheme of moral reform. I read the book during the summer and found much in it to commend. One of the chief features is a newspaper run on Christian principles. Mr. Sheldon is not perhaps aware that there is a well-known New York commercial paper in this line, and that the Montreal Witness professes to be in the same track. It is a safe question to ask What Would Jesus Do? but it is not safe to take every man's or woman's judgment upon it. "Richard Bruce" is the story of a high-minded would-be author, whose first-class work is rejected, and who refuses to accept pay for a sensational tale. He falls under the influence of a wonderfully active and philanthropic Chicago pastor named John King, and helps him in slum work. An anarchist appears upon the scene to be conquered by the pastor, and at the same time to lead his victor to consider the various inequalities of the rich and the poor. Trials of many kinds are gone through, and the book finishes up