

of our holy religion—that is what we find in, **The Main Points**, by Charles Reynold Brown (The Pilgrim Press, Boston, \$1.25 net), with a concluding chapter on, **The Creed of a Christian**. Dr. Brown himself likens his book to the small change into which the twenty dollar gold pieces of the more elaborate theological treatises are broken up for greater convenience. It is a book for busy people who have little time for reading. The arguments are clear and, for the most part, convincing, while the spirit is reverent and evangelical.

**Before Adam** (The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 242 pages, \$1.50) is Jack London's latest; and very entertaining it is. A city child, who lived the ordinary thought-free, happy life of childhood in his waking hours, has his nights filled with a perfect nightmare of horrible dreams of lonely spaces, and thick, high trees, and the shrieks and roaring, the glaring eyes and sharp claws of wild beasts. It was a case, as he afterwards came to interpret it, of freakish quality—the everyday personality, and another and distinct personality, which was in reality a racial memory of the remote ages, when his ancestors were struggling up towards humanity. It is all very amusing, the fancy and theory; and this story of Lop-Ear, and the Swift One and Red-Eye and the Fire People and the Tree People, is worked out in a charming way. No one will take, **Before Adam** seriously; but as a vivid description of elemental ideas and passions, it has its value. The numerous illustrations by Charles Livingston Bull add to the interest and charm of the book.

A very modest book is, **The Hidden Life of Prayer**, by David M. McIntyre (Drummond's Tract Depot, Stirling, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 160 pages, 35c.), but a very helpful one withal. It is with something of a sigh, in these days of rush and bustle, that one reads the chapter on **The Equipment**, which consists in "a quiet place, a quiet hour, and a quiet heart." One feels that the writer is speaking wisely when he points us to this quietness before God as the real secret of power.

The latest volume in Dr. Alexander Maclaren's, **Expositions of Scripture** (Hodder and Stoughton London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 398 pages, \$1.25), is the Acts of the Apostles, chapters I-XII.

Other books and booklets received are as follows:

**A Jewish Maiden**; or **Flickings Before the Dawn**, by J. Dempster (Olyphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh, 126 pages, 70c. net).

Hawthorne's, **Tanglewood Tales**, a pretty and handy pocket edition (The Macmillan Company of Canada, 210 pages, 25c.).

**His Riches—Our Riches**: A Gospel Message, by Arno C. Gaebelien (Gospel Publishing House, New York, paper, 74 pages).

**Notes on the Shorter Catechism**, by John Burgess, M.A. (Angus and Robertson, Sydney, New South Wales, 124 pages, paper).

**How to Interest**, by William James Mutch, Ph.D. (Christian Nurture, New Haven, Connecticut, 74 pages, 15c. net).

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