

entitled "As Queer as She Could Be," by Jessie E. Wright. It is the story of Miss Hilary Barlow, a maiden lady who earns her living, on the look out for a benevolent holiday. In the purlieus of Boston she picks up five gutter-waifs of different ages, boys all of them, and takes them away to a country tumble-down shanty at Cape Cod. There she trains her household by the law of kindness out of their former habits and dispositions into those more worthy of commendation. Her struggles, trials, and successes are all pleasantly narrated, and so naturally as to give the story a thoroughly truthful air. There is nothing mawkish or namby-pamby in the book, nor, while Miss Wright seems well acquainted with the Boston boys' slang, is there anything of the Chimmie Fadden monstrosity of speech in her conversations. She has been wise not to overburden her Crusoe tale with theology, and her aim to inculcate the blessings of mutual helpfulness has been satisfactorily attained.

A book that should have been noticed last session, but which was not because of the accident to the last number of the "Journal," is by a respected minister of our Church who for some years has retired from active service. Many know the Reverend Duncan Anderson, M.A., as a poet by his "Lays of Canada" and other productions, but he now appears before the public as the author of "Scottish Folk Lore or Reminiscences of Aberdeenshire from Pinafore to Gown." There are 245 pages in this well-printed book, published by J. Selwin Tait & Sons, New York. It is dedicated by permission to the Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen. Sillerton is Mr. Anderson's Drumtochty, and his sketches are drawn from life. Some of them are personal, of the nature of an autobiography, such as Dr. Robert Burns, senior, commenced but did not carry on. The genial humor of the former minister of Levis sparkles in every page, and fun, pure unmitigated fun, here and there crops up in the midst of apt quotation, philosophical reflection, and pathetic sigh of the heart. Reminiscences of Aberdeenshire life half a century ago must be full of interest to the many Aberdonians who have made a