

management of boys and girls in the public or Sabbath school or in the home may learn something, as well as derive genuine pleasure, from the perusal of this delightful volume.

**The City of Springs.** By Annie N. Duncan. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. 110 pages. Price 35c.

One is struck, on opening this book, with the number and excellence of its illustrations. The pictures are of such a character as to convey through the eye a view of actual Chinese life in its various phases. The children will be delighted with the representations, for example, of the tinsmith, the carpenter, and the tailor engaged in their various occupations. These illustrations light up the story of the commencement and growth of the Christian church in Chincheow, a city in Southern China, where the English Presbyterian Mission has a station. The title of the book is an English translation of the name of this city. With such books as this in Sabbath School libraries or in the home it should not be difficult to interest boys and girls in missions.

**The Gospel of the Home.** By Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B.; William Briggs, Toronto., 113 pages, price 60c. net.

This little volume is marked by the common-sense, clearness of expression, and dignity of style which have contributed largely to Mr. Hossack's distinction as a preacher. A chapter, devoted to a description of a true Christian home, is followed by others in

which the share of the father, the mother, the son, and the daughter in home-building is set forth. A closing chapter, entitled, The Teacher, deals with the Sabbath School as an aid to the development of the best family life.

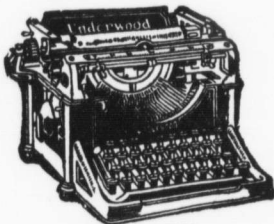
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These thirteen brief biographies, mostly of explorers and military heroes, are written in a simple and direct style and will serve a useful purpose in supplementing lessons in history and as materials for compositions in school and at home.

**The Prisons of the World. With Stories of Crime, Criminals and Convicts.** Morgan & Scott, (Office of The Christian), London. 238 pages, cloth bound, 75c. net.

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