

Book Notices.

My Black Sheep. By EVELYN EVERETT GREEN. London : Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto : William Briggs.

This is another of the sound and wholesome stories for young people, for which the Wesleyan Conference Office is famed, and it is gotten up in the handsome style of that house. Parents and Sunday-schools need have no scruples in placing these books in the hands of the scholars.

Ready for Business, Choosing an Occupation.

A series of practical papers for Boys. By GEORGE M. MANSON. New York : Fowler & Wells. Price 60 cents.

This is a book of excellent practical hints on the advantages, etc., of such professions as engineer, architect, builder, chemist, journalist, merchant, banker, etc. It will give much valuable information to parents and young people on the wise choice of a life-work.

The One Gospel ; or, The Combination of the Four Evangelists in One Complete Record. Edited by Rev. ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D., 12mo. New York : The Baker & Taylor Co. Toronto : William Briggs. Price 75 cents.

This is a similar book to that last noted, but without any indication of which of the Gospels the several passages are taken from, and without note or comment. Both books use the authorized version.

Severn to the Tyne ; The Story of Six English Rivers. By E. M. EDWARDS. London : Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto : William Briggs.

This is just the sort of book we like to place in the hands of intelligent young people—one that combines in a high degree entertainment and instruction. It gives a well illustrated account of the Thames, Severn, Tyne, the Trent, Ouse and Humber, and of the historic associations connected therewith, and of the famous men by whom this history was made. We especially commend this book for Sunday-school libraries.

Witch Winnie : The Story of a King's Daughter. By ELIZABETH W. CHAMPNEY. Edinburgh : Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.

This is an interesting story of philanthropic work among the poor, under the auspices of that beautiful organization, the King's Daughters. The Home of the Elder Brother, here described, is the realization of a noble impulse. Some of the studies of life among the lowly have a good deal of humor. The vignette character studies are very clever, and the literary merit of the book is superior to that of most juveniles.

The Bible in Picture and Story. By MRS. L. S. HOUGHTON. Small 4to, pp. 240. New York : American Tract Society. Toronto : William

Briggs, and Methodist Book Rooms in Montreal and Halifax.

This is an excellent condensation of the Bible narrative for the instruction of children and the young. Its most striking feature is its copious and excellent illustrations ; there being nearly 300 engravings, many of them reductions from Dore's fine plates and from Raphael's cartoons, and other famous designs. For Sunday readings to the little folk we can very highly recommend it.

The Puritan Spirit. An address. By 'Rev. R. S. STORRS, D.D. Pp. 72. Boston and Chicago : Congregational Publishing Society. Price 75 cents.

This oration is already famous. The handling of the subject by Dr. Storrs was simply masterly. There has been no such an all-round setting forth of the Puritan character. Dr. Storrs' analysis of it is just—discriminating, as well as eloquent ; it is just—not merely laudatory. His portrayal henceforth will dominate our conception of the Puritan. The book has an excellent portrait of Dr. Storrs, and a picture of the famous St. Gauden's statue of the Puritan.

Transplanted. By FANNIE E. NEWBERRY. Pp. 391. Boston and Chicago : Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto : William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

A young girl whose parents are dead is left to live in a city's slums. As she holds a bag, which two boy companions have just stolen, she is arrested and sent to a reformatory institution. A wise matron sees the good in her and begins to draw it out. Before long the girl is taken into a home. She makes acquaintances among Christian people. Her aspirations to be true and good are awakened, and a refining process begins. This takes time, but the result is achieved ; and when finally it is discovered that she belongs to a good family, she stands as a leader because of sheer force of character, and not by position merely. The book is handsomely bound and illustrated.

The Boys of North Parish. By HELEN PEARSON BARNARD. Pp. 320. Boston and Chicago : Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto : William Briggs. \$1.50.

A satisfactory boys' book is not easy to write. The diary of Carl Willard, the son of the minister in North Parish, furnishes much of the material for a story of the doings of the boys in a country town. They are a live set. They get into scrapes, of course, but they also learn from their experiences, and show how responsive boys are to wise efforts for their good. Carl's attempts to do good because he was the minister's son are amusing, and will help members of the Y. P. S. C. E. to prosecute their Christian work with more tact. Though bunglingly done, it after all proved effective, and Christian boys will be helped by it.