

THE BOOK PAGE

The James of Hegesippus is "a severe ascetic and formalist, refusing to drink wine, or eat flesh, or use oil, wearing linen garments only, and found continually on his knees in the temple"; in short a Jew of the Jews, out of harmony with the broader Christianity of Paul and those who followed with him. This is the James, to which many eminent scholars have pinned their faith; and it is no little gain to scholarship to have the fine study of the real James, the man, his doings, and his Epistle, which Principal Patrick, of Manitoba College, gives, in his, **James, the Lord's Brother** (U.C. Tract Society, Toronto: T & T Clark, Edinburgh, 369 pages, \$1.75 net). It is a thorough piece of work, grappling closely with all the controverted points in regard to who James was, the genuineness of his Epistle, his relations to Paul and Peter, his conduct at the Congress at Jerusalem of Acts, ch. 15. The resultant is James, the true brother of Jesus, and the picture of his early training in the Nazareth home is very vivid and charming; fully at one with Paul in doctrine and in his view of the terms of Christian discipleship, although from a different viewpoint; and, like Paul, an ecclesiastical statesman of first rank and a powerful force in the welding of Jews and Gentiles into one harmonious organization. Principal Patrick's account of the Jerusalem Congress is masterly. James' four propositions were the result of mature discussion between himself, Peter and John, on the one hand, and Barnabas on the other, and their object, "to secure the union in social fellowship of the two branches of the church

in mixed communities." There is a certain modernity and verve in the treatment of the whole subject, which is refreshing.

The hero of **Giant Circumstance**, by John Oxenham (The Copp Clark Co., Toronto, 344 pages, \$1.50 cloth, 75c. paper), is Geoffrey Challis. He begins a military career in the Sudan, but the way to deserved advancement is blocked through his incurring, by no fault of his own, the displeasure of a superior officer. A scheming mother, too, causes her daughter to break off her engagement with the still obscure young soldier. Bravely, however, he battles his way against such untoward happenings. His cheerful courage and uncomplaining persistence win our hearts, and we are glad when he secures, in a most romantic fashion, the love of another maiden, reaches, too, distinction greater than his early dreams, not indeed in the profession of arms, but as a trusted diplomat. The story is full of wholesome interest.

The imprint of the "Bross Library" on the cover, and of "The Bross Prize—1905" on the title page of **The Problem of the Old Testament**, by James Orr, D.D. (The U.C. Tract Society, Toronto; Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 562 pages, \$1.50 net), calls attention to the munificent gift of the late William Bross, of Chicago, to Lake Forest University, "for the purpose of stimulating the production of the best books and treatises" showing the bearing of the facts of human knowledge in general upon the Christian religion. Dr. Orr's book was awarded the prize of \$6,000 in 1905. It subjects even the most "settled" results of the newer criticism of the Old

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