

"the brother of our Lord," constitutes an interesting and instructive subject of study. We are not aware that it has been elsewhere so fully treated as in this volume. It is one of the first and most significant outcomes of the intellectual life of the Prairie Province. The flood of immigration and the last exports of wheat are not the sole measure of a nation's growth. The book bears all the impress of the thorough Biblical scholarship of a Scottish or German university. The author confutes with cogent argument the Roman Catholic dogma of the perpetual virginity of the mother of our Lord, argues that our Saviour grew up, as the obvious interpretation of the Scripture text asserts, in simple family life with brothers and sisters of his flesh. The writings and influence of the Apostle James receive lucid and luminous treatment.

"Hours With the Immortals." A Series of Popular Sketches and Appreciations of Distinguished Foreign Poets. By Robert P. Downes, LL.D. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. x-307.

We have had the pleasure of giving high commendation of Dr. Downes' previous work on "The Seven Supreme Poets," the great masters Homer, Virgil, Dante, and others of the august brotherhood. In this volume he treats in the same luminous manner the lesser lights of the poetic firmament, Euripides, Aristophanes, Pindar, Horace, Petrarch, Tasso, Camoens, Calderon, Racine, Schiller, Goethe, and Victor Hugo. What a galaxy of stars, even though lesser lights than the supreme seven. The author is saturated with his subject and makes us share his enthusiasm. The poetic introductions to the great bards have shown Dr. Downes to be himself a poet of conspicuous merit and therefore the better able to interpret the great masters of the ages. A most informing and inspiring book.

"The Personality of Jesus." By Charles H. Barrows. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.25.

In these stimulating, helpful, and well-written chapters the author presents what the Four Gospels contain as to the outward appearance of Jesus; His growth and education, His intellectual power, emotional life, and will. He then considers Him as Son of man and as Son of God, and closes with a study of His personality in its relation to human char-

acter and destiny, and the personality of the risen Lord. The book is so broad and strong that it is sure of a wide reading among leaders and superintendents of Sunday-schools. The author is a successful lawyer who is well known as a former President of the Y.M.C.A. International Training-School.

"Hymn Treasures." By Grace Morrison Everett. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 133. Price, \$1.25.

The story of the hymns is a wide field and a golden. It is rich with precious treasures which yield rich nuggets. To dig up some of those is the purpose of the author. She discusses the authorship and historic associations of the ancient hymns of the Church, of those on which the doctrines of the Reformation flew abroad to all the winds of heaven, of the hymns of the Puritan and Wesleyan revival, of titled hymn-writers—of whom there were not a few, and of the many noble hymns written by women, those sweet singers who seem to get nearer to the heart of God than any others. A chapter on translations and one on tunes complete this interesting volume.

"How to Succeed in the Christian Life." By R. A. Torrey. Author of "How to Bring Men to Christ," etc. New York, Chicago, and Toronto: Fleming H. Revell. Pp. 121. Price, 50 cents net.

This is just the sort of book that should be put in the hands of those beginning the Christian life. It will tell them how to make it a complete success. Dr. Torrey has written this from a conscious need of just such a book. Pastors, evangelists, will find it very helpful to put in the hands of young converts.

"As Jesus Passed By, And Other Addresses." By Gipsy Smith. New York, Chicago, Toronto Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 224.

The visit of Gipsy Smith to the United States, and we hope to Canada, during the current year will give a greater interest to these fervid sermons. They were delivered to crowded audiences, their purpose being to secure immediate decision for Christ. As preached again from the printed page we pray for them the soul-saving power which they exhibited in the spoken word.