

## THE BOOK PAGE

**Talks to Teachers on Psychology;** and to Students on some of Life's Ideals. By William James, M.D., LL.D. Henry Holt and Company, New York, 301 pages, \$1.00.

Dr. James, who is Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University, has learned the rare art of disrobing his thoughts of technical mufflings. "I have found by experience," he says, "that what my hearers (his teacher-audiences) seem least to relish is analytical technicality, and what they most care for is concrete practical application. So I have gradually weeded out the former, and left the latter unreduced." The result is a book, going to the depths of the problems discussed, but which everyone can understand. To know the child through and through, that he may be able the better to make him better, is the teacher's problem, whether in Sunday School or day school. Professor James will help him to do so. His analysis of the child mind is clear, and the teacher instinct, which is evidently strong in him, leads to a multitude of valuable practical suggestions arising from the analysis. The Child as a Behaving Organism, The Laws of Habit, Interest, Attention, Memory, The Will, are titles of luminous chapters. The Sabbath School teacher is wise who strives to understand the "young immortal" with whom he is dealing, and this book will aid him in such understanding.

**Bible Characters:** Stephen to Timothy. By Alexander Whyte, D.D. Oliphant, An-

derdon & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London. (Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto), 304 pages, \$1.25.

This is the latest of Dr. Whyte's unique "Bible Characters" and carries us from No. 97 to No. 128. As a mere intellectual feat, the treatment of so long a list with unflinching freshness and variety is itself remarkable. Add to this the keen and pawky humor which searches out and exposes the weak spots and the curious phases of human nature, and a profound belief in the power of the Gospel to make right all that is wrong in our poor, twisted humanity, and you perceive how the great audiences in Free St. George's are held as by no other Scottish preacher. Dr. Whyte's custom is to give but one chapter to a man. But Paul, of whom, with his overwhelming sense of sin and his equally unshakable trust in the work of the Redeemer, Dr. Whyte himself reminds us, draws him away into no less than sixteen separate studies. The reader, and especially the Sabbath School teachers now busy with the Acts of the Apostles, will be not sorry.

**Galopoff, The Talking Pony.** By Tudor Jenks. Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia. William Briggs, Toronto, 243 pages, freely illustrated, \$1.00.

Just such a book as will make a holiday merrier. Galopoff is, of course, a Russian pony. There is one day in the year he can talk, that is, on his birthday. He has travelled far and wide, and when he undertakes to relate his adventures to his child

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