

tament, our imagination with Christ's beauty, our affections with God's love. The moth, the microbe, the spore, cannot live in a soul that is daily seasoned in the strong and fragrant virtue of heavenly fellowship and blessedness."

"Palestine in Geography and in History." By Arthur William Cooke, M.A. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Two volumes.

The land and the book are so intimately related that we cannot properly understand the one without knowing something of the other. It gives new interest to the reading of God's Word to comprehend the physical relations of its earthly environment. It gave also a wonderful interest to our own wanderings over the Lord's land to read upon the Mount of Beatitudes the Sermon of our Lord, or upon the Mount of Olives the story of His ascension.

The purpose of this book is to give Bible readers and students a clear picture of the country in which most of the events about which they read occurred. It is concise, yet sufficiently ample for most students. It is founded on the best authorities, and is brought down to date. The numerous coloured maps are very valuable, especially those setting forth its physical relations. We cordially commend these volumes.

"Canadian Essays, Critical and Historical." By Thomas O'Hagan, M.A., Ph.D. Author of "A Gate of Flowers," etc. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 222. Price, \$1.00.

Dr. O'Hagan is a patriotic Canadian, and has rendered important service to his country by this admirable volume on Canadian subjects. His review of Canadian poets and poetry, Canadian women writers, and French-Canadian life and literature reveals an unexpected wealth of native literature. In this department of our national life, notwithstanding the gigantic task of creating a nation out of a wilderness, we have not been engrossed solely in sordid toil. Labour has been sweetened with song and ennobled by a literature of which we need not be ashamed. The true story of the Acadian deportation, the heroic traditions of the Wilderness Missions, and other chapters, are written in full sympathy with the Roman Catho-

lic Church, of which Dr. O'Hagan is a devout son. It is well for Protestants once in a while to look at national matters from the point of view of our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens. Dr. O'Hagan has greatly added to his previous services to Canadian literature in both prose and verse by this volume.

"Content in a Garden." By Candace Wheeler. With decorations by Dora Wheeler Keith. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 209. Price, \$1.25.

We are glad to notice the increased attention which is being given to nature-study. To the beautiful books on birds and flowers, published by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., this is largely due. One of the most elegant of these is the one under notice. The wide margins, with floral decorations, and the dainty text, make the book a pleasure to read. The studies of plant life are in harmony with the beautiful setting. We shall more fully notice this elsewhere.

"The Blessed Life." Being a series of meditations on manhood and womanhood in Christ. By William A. Quayle. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 281. Price, \$1.00.

Dr. Quayle is one of the most thoughtful and eloquent writers of Methodism. His historical and critical studies have won him wide fame. This volume of devout meditations on Christianity, in its various relations to law, labour, and power, on its sanity, its true aristocracy, its social joy, the blessed life, and immortal society, will come to many a soul with an uplifting and sanctifying power.

"White Christopher." By Annie Trumbull Slosson, author of "Fishin' Jimmy." New York: James Pott & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50c.

This is another of Mrs. Slosson's tender stories akin to that of "Fishin' Jimmy," in which the dawn of intelligence in a poor half-witted lad is set forth. Again the Saviour sets a child in the midst and again is fulfilled the words: "A little child shall lead them."