

The Man of Galilee. By ATTICUS HAYGOOD. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. 16mo., pp. 156. Price 80 cents.

Another book on Jesus of Nazareth! How many thousands of books have been produced upon this most interesting of all themes, and still they come. And the wonderful about them is that the subject seems to be as far from being exhausted as ever. We bespeak for this a wide circulation. It will do good.

Counting the Cost; or, A Summer at Chautauqua. By CORNELIA ADELE TEAL. Introduction by the REV. FRANK RUSSELL, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. 16mo., pp. 315.

This is a book for Chautauquans, for whom it will have a special interest. But others beside these will find it interesting, instructive, and profitable reading.

LITERARY NOTICES

The Canadian Methodist Quarterly Review for the current quarter makes a highly respectable appearance. The Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., under the heading, "Who is God? What is God?" discusses the question of the natural fatherhood of the Supreme Being, in a manner which shows that he has made it the subject of profound and patient thought. He finds in the process by which man was called into being that which serves to differentiate him from all other creatures, and to place him in a relation to the Creator altogether different from that sustained to Him by every other part of the terrestrial creation. Made, like every other living thing, out of pre-existent matter, and endowed with all the attributes of being which he shares with the lower orders of creation, man was constituted a living soul by the inbreathing of the Divine, and it was this "generative" act which constituted him the son of God. Mr. Phillips, of course, holds the doctrines of gracious adoption and regeneration, by which Christ gives to as many as receive Him power—confers on them the right—to

become the sons of God; but he apparently holds that, apart entirely from this gracious change, it is the privilege of every human being, as such, to approach God as his Father; though his restoration to the enjoyment of all the privileges which belong to this relationship can only be effected by the agency of the Holy Spirit through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. He holds with Pope, that "the perfect design of Christianity, and that which is, so to speak, its peculiarity, is to bring God near to us as a Father; to restore His fatherly relation to mankind. And the soul of personal Christianity is the adoption which makes us, as regenerate, the sons of God." And, according to this view, this gracious change, though in some aspects of it, a new creation, is in fact a recovery and a renewal—the recovery of a forfeited relation and the renewal of the soul in the image of God.

The Rev. John Morton, Congregational minister, Hamilton, writes pleasantly and instructively on Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World." In the main, Mr. Morton's estimate of the work under review is favourable; he does not, however, fail to point out with skill and force the inconsistencies and errors into which its author has fallen. He puts his work in the category of "good religious books;" he dwells upon its many fascinating features, especially the fresh and engaging light in which it sets some old and familiar truths; he gives it credit for the impressive manner in which it points out certain great dangers to the spiritual life, and especially for the way in which it emphasizes the truth that there is order in the spiritual realm no less than in the natural; but, at the same time, he lays bare the confusion and errors into which its author's materialistic conception of natural law has led him, and the utter futility of the attempt which he has made to explain purely spiritual phenomena by the principles which prevail in the material world.

The Rev. Benjamin Sherlock writes wisely and well on "The Holy