

CLYDE O. DE LAND. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

During the Secession War and since, many of the negroes of the South exhibited a loyalty, a chivalry, a moral heroism that have seldom been surpassed. Some aspects of these are described in the "Stories of the Colour Line" in this volume. "Each of these," says Zion's Herald, "is unique, each a gem, but perhaps the most interesting and touching is the one that gives title to the book—'The Wife of His Youth.' Mr. Ryder was the most prominent member of the 'Blue Veins,' a little society of coloured persons in the North, of which the unwritten requirement for eligibility to membership was 'white blood enough to show blue veins,' free birth, and character and culture. Mr. Ryder had decided to give a ball that should mark an epoch in the social history of Groveland—a party given in honour of a lady visitor to the town from Washington, with whom he had fallen deeply in love. But on the afternoon of the day of the reception a little old black woman—a relic of plantation life—called. She was in search of her husband of slave days—had been looking for him for twenty-five years. How she proved to be the wife of Mr. Ryder's youth, much older than he, and how with true manliness he acknowledged her as such that evening before his assembled guests and the woman he had learned to love, you must read the book to find out." The titles of the other stories are: "Her Virginia Mammy," "The Sheriff's Children," "A Matter of Principle," "Cicely's Dream," "The Passing of Grandison," "Uncle Wellington's Wives," "The Bouquet," "The Web of Circumstance."

The Burden of Christopher. By FLORENCE CONVERSE. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

This striking story is one of the latest additions to the increasing volume of fiction having for its theme questions of industrial reform and the ethical aspects of economics. It is the story of a young man who succeeded to his father's manufacturing business and endeavoured to introduce into the conduct of the enterprise profit-sharing, short hours, and the maximum wage. It shows how he is affected by competition made possible by the payment of low wages and the requirement of long hours, and the temptation

to which he is exposed. The difficulties of the problem are realized and dealt with in an evident attempt at fairness, but with a very clear feeling that the competitive system and the Golden Rule cannot be harmonized.

Infidelity Disarmed. By E. STEPHENS. Octavo. Price, 50c. Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

This book is a reply to Ingersoll's infidelity lectures, with a review of essays and articles by George Eliot, Drs. Eby, Courtice, Workman, Goldwin Smith, Rev. G. S. Bland, and others. It is a well-meant effort to review the current skepticism of the times, but it lacks discrimination, and, in some cases, confounds the friends with the enemies of Christianity.

The United Empire Loyalist Settlement at Long Point, Lake Erie. By L. H. TASKER, M.A. Vol. II. of the Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is an extremely interesting and instructive account of one of the most romantic and heroic episodes in Canadian history. We are glad to note the good work done by the Ontario Historical Society in preserving these records of the making of Canada. The book is well printed, illustrated, and indexed. The honoured names of Ryerson, Tisdale, Munro, Johnson, and others are here commemorated.

Love Illumined. By REV. G. E. ACKERMANN, M.D., D.D. Cincinnati: Curts & Jennings. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50c.

This is another of the attractive little books on practical religion issued by this house. The author is professor of theology at Chattanooga College, Tennessee. He points out, with clearness and force, the privilege and obligation of holiness of heart and life.

Story Lessons on Character Building (Morals) and Manners. By Lois Bates. London: Longmans, Green & Co. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited. Pp. 143.

The kindergarten methods of instruction are in this book carried into the sphere of manners and morals. The chapters are interesting and instructive, and admirably adapted to impress important lessons on the young mind.