

wife and child to go and win a new home for them in Canada. The tragic death of the wife, drowned in her effort to snatch her boy from a like fate, which he escapes by a marvel, drives the stricken husband to the distant Klondike. The wealth acquired here becomes his son's, who also wins the love of a maiden who turns out to be the heiress of the Scottish estate on which the emigrant had lived. The curtain falls on the old man happy in the love of son and daughter, and mightily proud of his imperious grandson. As a background of the story, there are incidents and episodes, now humorous and now pathetic, illustrative of rural life in Scotland.

The **Two on the Trail**, in Hulbert Footner's story bearing that title (The Musson Book Company, Toronto, 349 pages, \$1.20), are Garth Pevensey, a New York reporter, who, with his keen scent for "copy", has joined a bishop on one of his tours in the far Northwest, and Natalie Bland, a young Ontario girl on a strange and tragic quest in that new country. A chance meeting in a Western restaurant throws the pair together, and from that moment they follow the same trail. A vivid story this, of the lights and shadows of life in a region where the restraints of older countries are slackened, and one which holds the interest to its very close. Alice Stuyvesant's, **The Vanity Box** (same publishers, 319 pages, \$1.20), follows through many ravelings the mystery following upon a terrible and startling crime. With the skill of the true story-teller, the reader is kept on the qui vive from start to finish. A bright and graceful style adds to the charm of the tale.

**The Bible Zoo**, by Albert Glenthorne Mackinnon, M.A. (H. R. Allenson, London, 244 pages, \$1.25), has as its sub-title, A Series of Addresses to Young People on Some Birds, Beasts and Insects of the Bible. Each of these thirty-four addresses is full of interest, with its description of the appearance, nature and habits of some Bible animals and skilfully drawn lessons for human life. Children in the home will be delighted to have the chapters of Mr. Mackinnon's book read to them, and those whose business it is to speak to children from platform or pulpit will find them full of suggestion.

Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, have added to their list of books on the children of mission lands, **Children of Egypt**, by L. Crowther and **Children of Ceylon**, by Thomas Moscrop (each 96 pages, 50c. postpaid). These little books give a vivid picture of child life in the countries with which they deal, and their brightly colored full-page illustrations make them doubly attractive. They cannot fail to quicken the interest of young readers of our own land in the less highly favored little ones, and that interest is sure to bear fruit in the desire to send to those faraway children the gospel which can do so much for them.

**Achsah the Sister of Jairus**, by Mabel Cronise Jones (Broadway Publishing Co., New York, 76 pages, \$1.00), is a story of Palestine in the days of our Lord. The local color is vivid and true to the land and the times, and a charming little love story runs through the whole.

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