

"Don't you wish you could?" said Turner to one who declared himself unable to see in nature all that that master painter saw. The easy effectiveness of some teachers is the despair of others less skilled. But the art of teaching may be mastered, like any other, by patient effort. Nothing will help more than a study of tried and successful methods. The materials for such study are brought together in the compact volume, **Classroom Management**, by William Chandler Bagley (the Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 322 pages, \$1.25 net). For the purpose of the author allows him to include only methods that have stood the test of actual practice. Day school teachers will find this book full of suggestion, while there is much in it by which the teacher in the Sunday School, also, may profit.

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**Family Secrets**, by Marion Foster Washburne

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A pathetic interest attaches to **The Representative Women of the Bible** (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 285 pages, \$1.50) as the last piece of work done by Dr. George Matheson. The day before his death he was engaged upon it. It is a fit complement of his three volumes on the representative men of the Bible. The portraits are indeed charming. Their very titles show how deeply into the heart of things the writer sees—Eve the Unfolded, Sarah the Steadfast, Deborah the Drastic, Ruth the Decided, Mary (Martha's sister) the Thought-Reading, and so on. Not the least interesting portion of the book is an appendix, consisting of notes on Mary Magdalene, from which the full character sketch was to be drawn.

An imaginative picture of the life story, as it might really have been, of the child whom Jesus set "in the midst", when He said those memorable words beginning, "Except ye . . . become as little children," is told in **The Child That Jesus Took**, by Newman Smyth (The Pilgrim Press, Boston, frontispiece and decorated page borders, price 50c.).

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