

THE BOOK PAGE

Culture and Restraint. By Hugh Black. Fleming H. Revell Company. Pages 350, price \$1.00.

Is the true end of life self-development or self-sacrifice? Ought we to follow the Hebrew ideal of moral discipline or the Hellenic ideal of culture? This our author shows is not a question merely for the Schools, but one that touches very closely every day conduct. No experience is more common among young people, when they first yield to the claims of religion, than perplexity as to how far they shall follow out and how far they shall restrain their natural desire for enjoyment. The same problem in one form or another presents itself in every earnest life. Mr. Black finds a solution of this pressing problem in Christianity, which teaches that neither self-culture or self-denial is an end in itself, but that both should be subordinated to service. Those who separate themselves from the world, that they may serve the world, will really make the most of the world. Both for its careful thinking and for its brilliant phrasing this book will richly repay thoughtful perusal. It will be a delightful companion for a long summer's day when the strain of living is relaxed and one has time to think about life.

Gipsy Smith: His Life and Work. By Himself. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 330 pages, \$1.50 net.

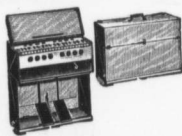
This book has a double interest. In the earlier part of it the writer gives an insight into the life of the

remarkable race known as gipsies. There are some vivid bits of description and some very touching incidents in this portion of the volume. We are taken into a gipsy camp and given a glimpse of the daily doings of its strange people. The entertaining character of these chapters may be judged from their titles, such as, "A mischievous little boy, Something about Plums, Trousers, Rabbits, Eggs and a Circus," "Christmas in the tent—A story of three plum puddings." After this lively opening we have an account of the life and work of one who from being a wandering gipsy lad, has become one of the most remarkable evangelists of the present day. The story of his connection with General Booth, and of his wonderful success as an evangelist in England and America, is told in artless and yet very effective fashion. The book should be an attractive one for those who desire during the heated term some lighter reading than in the winter months; at the same time it may encourage humble workers in what may seem to them small and unpromising efforts.

East of the Barrier, or Sidelights on the Manchuria Mission. By Rev. J. Miller Graham. Oliphant, Ferrier & Anderson, Edinburgh and London. Pages 235, price \$1.25.

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