

is always recognized as a member of the army of Christ. How is he recognized, do you ask? By the kind of life he lives, which is his enveloping dress. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Uniform all-ways—not a saint to-day and a sinner to-morrow. Not a saint in Church and a sinner in the shop. Not a saint at twelve o'clock at noon and a sinner at twelve o'clock at midnight. A soldier must be a soldier everywhere or nowhere, and was he to him if he dishonors his King. What are the regimentals of the soldier of Christ? These:

"Jeans, thy truth and righteousness."

"My beauty are, my glorious dress."

5. A SOLDIER MUST BE PREPARED FOR TRIAL AND CONFLICT. Soldiers are the result of war. If there were no war there would be no soldiers. The soldier glistens to do service—to fight. For this purpose he is armed and trained and drilled. All this is the means to an end, and the end is the solitary watch, the long march, the bloody fight. When the bugle blast is heard, he is ready for the fray.

So, with the Christian soldier. He must be thus prepared. Sins seem to forget this. They are glad to hysoddlers on pay-days and at reviews, but as soon as the fiery missiles begin to fall around them, and the road gets rough and rugged, they desert. A strange treachery this! Christ tells us we cannot follow Him without sacrifice—that we shall have to strive and wrestle and fight against immoral forces, and that the enemies who are opposed to us are so powerful that we need His strength united with ours that we may finally win the day.

6. ONLY A SOLDIER RECEIVES A SOLDIER'S REWARD. I was much interested some time ago in examining medals possessed by one of the Veterans of the British army—one from China; one from the Sultan of Turkey; one that had four bars on which were inscribed: Alma, Inkerman, Sebastopol, Balaclava; he had taken part in all those battles, but this brave old warrior. But there was one medal which he wore with particular pride in showing; it was a medal for long service and good conduct. Proud of it he was, and rightly so. He had been faithful and was rewarded. But could you imagine the case of a man being presented with these rewards who had never been a soldier and had never fought a battle? Some people seem to imagine that in some way they will obtain the rewards of the Christian without enlisting and without undergoing the soldier's struggles and hardships. This cannot be. It is the soldier's victory that brings the soldier's crown. And the Christian soldier, loyal to his King and obedient to His orders, shall be rewarded. And what a reward it shall be! All earthly honors sink into insignificance, all human distinctions are as nothing compared to it! When Christ, the King of heaven and earth, amid the assembled nations shall present the rewards to his faithful soldiers after the weariness and struggle of the earthly campaign, all past toil will seem as pleasure. When their crowns shall be thus completed in heaven, and the great shout of victory shall rise from hearts redeemed, then shall be known the true import of the inspired words, "Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords."

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

Ps. 2: 6; Ps. 45: 6; Mic 5: 2; Zec. 9: 9; John 1: 49; Rev. 1: 5; Rom. 14: 17; Zep. 3: 14, 15; Ps. 72: 8, 10; Isa. 9: 7; Matt. 13: 41, 43; Rev. 11: 15.

ENTIRE consecration to Christ will attest itself by loving service of men. A helpful life is the best proof of loyalty to Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Few have eloquent lips, but all who can lead eloquent lives. The supreme need of the world is not greatness but goodness. Holy are the hands that toil to make earth like heaven.—*Northern Christian Advocate.*

The Book Shelf.

Martin Luther, the Hero of the Reformation. By Henry Kyster Jacobs, Professor of Syst. Mat. Theol. in the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price, \$1.35.

This is the first volume of a new series on "The Heroes of the Reformation." In mechanical make-up it is a splendid specimen of the art of book-making, printed on very fine paper, profusely illustrated, and attractively bound.

The story of Martin Luther's life is told in a most charming style, the biography being divided into three parts treating of Luther as a monk, as a Protestant, and as a Reformer. All young people should be familiar with the leading features of the Reformation, and these can be obtained in the most interesting manner when grouped around a great personality. Apart altogether from the remarkable movement of which he was the leader, Luther is a striking figure and his life abundantly repays careful study. This is probably the best brief and popular biography of Luther to be found in the English language.

Through the courtesy of the publishers we are able to reproduce, on our first page, the picture of the great Reformer used in this book.

The heroes to be dealt with in forthcoming volumes are Erasmus, Zwingli, Cranmer, Melancthon, Knox, Calvin and Beza. "It is planned," the publishers say, "that the narratives shall not be mere eulogies, but critical biographies; and the defects of judgment or sins of omission or commission on the part of the subjects will not be passed by or extenuated. On the other hand, they will do full justice to the nobility of character and to the distinctive contribution to human progress made by each one of these great Protestant leaders of the Reformation period."

Socialism from Genesis to Revelation. By Rev. F. M. Sprague, Lee & Shepard, Boston, publishers.

Many people suppose that socialism is identical with anarchy and atheism. The very name suggests dynamite and assassination. This is a great mistake. It is time for us to recognize the fact that a large number of the most thoughtful, intelligent and reverent people are socialists, but they have no sympathy whatever with the lawless elements who rail so loudly against capital and capitalists. Among the leaders of the movement are many preachers, teachers and writers who have no interests to serve but the truth, and some of whom are likely to suffer present loss by their advocacy of this cause. What they have to say should be listened to with respect.

This volume takes very much the same position as Edward Bellamy in his "Looking Backward." It believes that private capital with its competitive system must always result in enriching the rich and oppressing the poor, and that the real remedy for the awful gulf that separates class from class is for property to be controlled and directed by the State for the good of all the people. It is not necessary to agree with the author in every point in order to profit by the book, but the reader finds himself surprised at the number of conclusions where agreement is possible, and indeed inevitable. It is a well-written and thought-stimulating book.

The Endevourer's Daily Companion for 1899. By Amos R. Wells. Published by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston, Mass. Sixty-six pages. Price, 10 cents.

This little book contains two pages of helpful hints, suggestions and illustrations for each prayer-meeting topic during the year 1899. Those who lead prayer-meetings will find it very useful in preparing for the services. It is good value for the price.

The Kingdom of God and Problems of Today. By Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., Price, \$1.00.

This is a series of lectures delivered by our own Dr. Sutherland before the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. The Doctor is a specialist on missions, but his versatility is indeed wonderful. If asked to speak or write on almost any subject, and given sufficient time for preparation, he would give something that would attract attention by its superiority. In these lectures he discusses in his usual trenchant style the kingdom of God in conception and outline, its principles and polity, and then goes on to consider the problem of poverty, and to deal with labor disputes and how to end them. Dr. Sutherland is not at all in sympathy with modern socialism, and takes ground exactly opposite to that maintained by Rev. Mr. Sprague. Reading these two books will give a very good idea of the divergent views held by different writers on social questions. The Doctor entirely ignores, that the man himself must be changed or no improvement of outward conditions will be of any avail. He believes that "employers and employed alike must accept the laws of Jesus Christ as the standard of conduct in dealing with each other. This will put an end to strife by uprooting the selfishness which is at the bottom of it all."

Sunday School Books.

In selecting books for Sunday School libraries committees find it impossible to read every volume, and must therefore be largely influenced by the publisher's name on the title page. There are some firms whose imprint is a guarantee that nothing objectionable will be found within the books which they send out. Such a house is that of Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, Scotland, whose publications are usually of a high class. The following are some of their more recent Sunday School books:

Bible Stories Without Names. By Rev. Harry Smith, W. & A. G. & Co., London.

This is a series of Bible stories so told that the names of the principal characters shall not be mentioned. It will prove an interesting and profitable exercise to read these stories to children, and ask them to guess who has been so graphically described. At the end of each chapter there are a number of questions to be answered. For home instruction in the Scriptures, and as a means of spending Sunday afternoons with children, it is one of the best things we have seen.

The Oldest Trade in the World. By Rev. George H. Morrison, Price, 20 cents.

A collection of addresses to boys and girls on practical topics, of more than ordinary interest and value.

Green Garry. By Marianne Kierke. Price, 75 cents. A splendid story of school life for boys. It teaches lessons of courage, self-dance and truthfulness that will prove inspiring to lads everywhere.

Where Hyacinths Bloom. By Ida Jackson, Price, 75 cents.

A beautiful story for girls.

The Treasure Cave of the Blue Mountains. By Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Price, 75 cents.

A stirring tale of adventure in Australia. While quite unobjectionable from the English standpoint, it contains some expressions which make it unsuitable for circulation in our Canadian schools.

The Fine Art of Smiling and Other Papers. By Margaret Macdonald, Price, 30 cents.

Practical chapters on Country Life and City Life, Thrift, Education, Friendship, our Girls, Courtship and Marriage, etc. These papers contain some excellent advice for mothers concerning home influences.

Any of the above books can be procured at the Methodist Book Room, Toronto, Montreal or Halifax.