

"The Story of a Young Man." (A Life of Christ.) By Clifford Howard. With eighteen full-page plates, by W. L. Taylor and T. G. Moore. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Square quarto. Gilt top. Pp. 248. Price, \$2.50.

More and more is the world coming to study the matchless life of our Lord, the Son of man, who was also the Son of God. This book sets forth especially the human side of the life of Jesus. With the chastened use of the imagination the outlines of Scripture are filled in, the purpose being to render more vivid the Oriental setting of the narrative; not that the divinity of our Lord is overlooked or obscured, but it is as a man among men, and especially as a pattern and example to young men, the story is retold. It finds its culminating point in the death of Jesus, nothing being said about his resurrection. This, we think, is a mistake. His life is a failure, a broken torso, without the crowning fact of his triumph over death and hell. The book is elegantly printed and illustrated as an edition de luxe, and is contained in a handsome case.

"James Chalmers, of New Guinea. Missionary Pioneer Martyr." By Cuthbert Lennox. London: Andrew Melrose. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xv-208. Price, 70c. net.

Chalmers was one of the great missionary heroes of the world. He takes rank with Moffat and Livingstone, with Paton and Geddie, with Mackay of Uganda and Mackay of Formosa. His work lay in one of the most interesting regions of the South Seas and New Guinea. He was a pathfinder of empire, and did much to prevent New Guinea from slipping from the possession of Great Britain into that of her enemies. He won the love of Robert Louis Stevenson, with whom he travelled much. Some of Stevenson's striking letters are reproduced in this biography. Chalmers' fate a little over a year ago—killed and eaten by cannibals—gives a tragic pathos to this book.

"The Angel and the Book." An annotated text-book of the Inspiration, Spirit, Ministration, and Angel Visitation of the Bible, together with a concordance of over twelve

hundred passages of the Scripture bearing on the subject. By Herbert G. Paull. Author of "The Letter and the Book," etc. Toronto: The Austin Publishing Co. Pp. 412. Price, paper, 60 cents.

This book is a careful comparison of the passages in Holy Scripture on the subject of the immortality of the soul, of ministering spirits and visitation of angels, and inculcates the doctrines of the permanent communication between the physical world and the world of spirits. While there is much helpful comment on the Scriptures, we cannot say that this thesis has been maintained with complete success.

"The Diary of a Goose Girl." By Kate Douglas Wiggin. With illustrations by Claude A. Shepperson. Toronto: Geo. N. Morang & Co. Pp. 117. Price, \$1.

The inimitable author of *Penelope's Journeys* gives us here one of her dainty thumbnail sketches of life in an English village. She adopts the humble role of goose girl, poultry maid, shepherdess, and tender of hares and rabbits. In this lowly life she finds amusing situations and diversion. The many sketches by Claude A. Shepperson catch the bucolic spirit of an English farm.

LITERARY NOTE.

The Methodist Publishing House, Cincinnati, issues a number of small, well-printed books under the name of "The Hero Series," at the low price of twenty-five cents each, postage five cents. Three of these are by Dr. William A. Quayle, one of the most brilliant writers of American Methodism. His lecture on "King Cromwell," we heard Dr. Quayle deliver at Lake Tahoe, in Nevada, and were so impressed with its merit that we procured its first publication in this magazine. Dr. Quayle writes also on Hugo's hero, "Valjean," and of "The Gentleman in Literature," which abounds in brilliant criticism and in keen literary discernment. Washington, "The Typical American," and Gladstone, "A Nineteenth Century Crusader," are ably treated by Charles Edward Locke, and "Abraham Lincoln," the greatest of Americans, by Samuel G. Smith. These are small books on great subjects.