

are carefully traced through the meagre—often obscure—writings of the evangelists and apostles, and the conclusions seems unanswerable that the “brethren of the Lord” were sons of Joseph and Mary, and that the Romish doctrine of “perpetual virginity,” and all that it involves, has absolutely no warrant in the Scriptures.

Students of the Gospels will be grateful to the learned author for the light he has thrown upon so perplexing a problem.

His Way and Hers. By W. A. ROBINSON. Cincinnati: Cranston & Curts. New York: Hunt & Eaton. 12mo. Cloth. 149 pages. Postpaid, 50 cents.

A charming little story; just enough of it, and no more. The burden of its making, the way of uprightness—always the best way. An old moral, to be sure; and yet always new. Tom Blake, in revolt against Providence, taking matters into his own hands, bruising and tearing himself on the jagged front of law, is not a solitary character; nor is his courageous little wife the only woman whose life of faith has demonstrated that the best things come at last to those who trust and wait. Much of its charm lies in its simplicity and truthfulness to life. Old and young alike will find it full of interest.

Religion and Business. Practical Suggestions to Men of Affairs. By REV. HENRY A. STIMSON, of the Broadway Tabernacle Congregational Church, New York. New York: Anson D. F. Knodolph & Co. Cloth, pp 150.

This book is dedicated “to the business men to whom it has been my privilege to preach, among whom are some of the noblest men and the purest, truest Christians of my acquaintance.” It contains nine practical addresses on topics that touch every business man’s life. The author’s aim is to apply religious principles to business, and business methods to religion. He stands solidly against that abnormal conception that makes business and religion two different things, and that divides life into sacred and secular. These addresses, of course, are intended for business men and for their spiritual profit, and should be read by them, but it is equally important that preachers should read them for the correction of their ideas. We need a religion held up for practice that has more of the Golden Rule and less of divine indulgence. In the application of Christianity, there is a manward as well as a Godward side.

The Blood Covenant. A primitive rite and its bearings on Scripture. Second Edition, with a Supplement. By H. CLAY TRUMBULL. Philadelphia: John D. Wattles & Co. \$2.40.

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