

a fight to be fought that is worth the fighting," is the postulate on which his argument rests. Under the heading, "Life," he discusses the great question of bodily virility; under "Love," that vitality in its highest out-go, the caring for, and care of others; and under "Light," the knowledge that comes through the practice of right living, and which opens the gates to still higher possibilities. His practical chapters on A Man and Himself (Temperance); Men and Women (Chastity); Man and His Fellows (Justice); Men and Women and the State; and Man and God (The Relation of Ethics and Religion), contain, as the author himself states, the pith of the book.

The two remaining volumes are in lighter vein. **Mothers to Men**, by Zona Gale, author of *Friendship Village Love Stories*, etc. (337 pages, \$1.25 net), tells the story of how a wierdly wise and trustful waif, wee Christopher, deserted by a hapless drunken father, whose love for the drink overmastered his love for his orphaned child, how this bit of humanity was "adopted" by Friendship Village, and brought light and love with him. The tale is told with all Zona Gale's delightful vivacity. It is a fragment out of real life. Equally true to the life is Edmund Lester Pearson's, **The Believing Years** (303 pages, \$1.00), which, with a rather forbiddingly solemn title, recites all the merry pranks and play of a boy and "the boys" of a New England fishing village during one blissful summer holiday, ending with the most wonderful day of all, the day before school was to "take up again," when, beginning with a sunrise expedition, and after eating with ravenous appetite all three meals which they had

taken with them for the day, they made the astounding discovery that it was only a quarter after 9 a.m., and that the holidays were not really over, after all—*one whole day more.*

T. & T. Clark's (Edinburgh, Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto) catalogues include **The Philocalia of Origen**, translated into English by Rev. George Lewis, M.A. (242 pages, \$2.25). Philocalia is Greek, meaning "love of the beautiful," and the selection of passages making up this book amply shows how fine a grasp "the great teacher of Alexandria" had of beauty and truth. Preachers and students alike will find the volume a mine of good thoughts.

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