

discussion of these is, therefore, profitable. Dr. Jefferson, with his straightaway style, has made it interesting as well.

The Progress of Church Federation, by Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, 191 pages, \$1.00). In 1908 the leading Protestant denominations in America organized a Federal Council, the purpose of which was to promote the great Christian activities which were held in common. This council has no authority over the constituent members. Its province is limited to an expression of counsel in regard to matters of common interest amongst the negotiating churches. To satisfy this interest the author has written this book.

"Welcome, O Wind!
All hail, O Pain
One little reed—one little reed,
To fill the Piper's far refrain,
Is broken till its body bleed;"

These closing lines from the opening poem,—which gives its title to the volume—**The Piper and the Reed**, by Robert Norwood (McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, 113 pages, \$1.25 net), may serve as a fair specimen of Mr. Norwood's lyric verse. Lovers of poetry will find no little charm in this little book.

Stories for Any Day, by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey (The Pilgrim Press, Boston and Chicago, 163 pages, \$1.00 net), is a book for boys and girls from 6 to 13, and a very delightful lot of stories,—over thirty in all—it contains for mothers to read to the younger children and for the older ones to read for themselves. The book is written, with the boys and girls of the United States in view, as the stories about George Washington and the Fourth of July show, but most of the tales are quite well adapted to children of other countries.

To all that has been written about Billy Sunday, there is now added a book written by Sunday himself,—**Love Stories of the Bible**, by Billy Sunday (G. P. Putman's Sons, New York and London; McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, Toronto, 329 pages, \$1.50). These stories of man's love for woman are gathered from the Old Testament; in fact they cover the period from Adam and Eve to Esther, ten stories in all. Sunday aims at bringing such characters into modern life as it is known by those whom he urges to accept the gospel. There is the same vividness and force about his writing as there is about his speaking. Those who have not heard him, have a good opportunity of knowing him through this, his first book.

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