

THE BOOK PAGE

Professor Murray's **From One to Twenty-One: Studies in Mind Growth**, (Presbyterian S.S. Publications, Toronto, 60 pages, 10c.), is the first to be issued of a series of five Teacher Training Handbooks, covering the Departments of Scripture, Doctrine, and The Art of Teaching. It is a distinct success. Teachers and teachers in training will profit by it; it is so simple and yet so thoroughly scientific; and the general reader will enjoy it because it is so absolutely non-technical and genial. Professor Murray has the very first requisite of a writer on such a subject as this: he knows how to be interesting. Perhaps it is because he is himself so interested; his whole soul has gone into the work. There are thirteen chapters, tracing the development of the mind from infancy to manhood, and showing step by step how teaching and training processes should be moulded by this development. The book is thoroughly modern, in the sense of the author's touch with the latest and freshest in his department of knowledge. It is very close also, to the actual situation. Professor Murray knows children at first hand; and he loves them.

The method of Principal Falconer's **The Truth of the Apostolic Gospel** (International Committee, Young Men's Christian Association, New York, 148 pages, 75c.) is fresh and thorough. Its central idea is to show the truth of the Gospel by setting forth what that Gospel is, and what its strength has been as a moral and spiritual force. The book consists of three parts:—The Phenomena of

the New Testament; The Apostolic Gospel as the New Testament Explanation of these Phenomena; and The Credibility of the Apostolic Gospel. The Phenomena of the New Testament in brief are: the new brotherhood, to which the teachings of Christ and His apostles gave rise; the Christian character and ideals which appeared; the great personalities which emerged; and the great literature, namely, the New Testament, which was the outcome of that age of new light and life. The New Testament explanation of the phenomena is treated under these suggestive headings:—The Gospel; The Jesus of the Gospel; The Jesus of the Gospel—His claims; The Jesus Christ of the Apostles; The Manifold Gospel, namely, by many writers and of different types, as Paul, Peter, and John, from different view points, but all setting forth the same Gospel of Jesus Christ. Under The Credibility of the Apostolic Gospel, there are four topics:—The Trustworthiness of the Gospels; The Christ of the Church; and The Witness of the Works of the Living Lord—amongst these the Growth of Philanthropy and the Progress of Missions. Altogether, the book is a piece of very strong writing by a man unusually well equipped for his task. He is in close touch with the modern scholarship of the New Testament, and the argument is set forth so concretely and concisely as to add to its convincingness. The book has been prepared for Young Men's Christian Associations, and is a series of studies for twenty weeks, each study occupying a page for a day of the week. Nor will it prove valuable for Young Men's Christian Associations alone; a winter's care-

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