

## THE BOOK PAGE

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**Christ and Life.** By Robert E. Speer. Fleming H. Revell Company. 232 pages; price \$1.00 net.

"We begin our Christian life by abandoning ourselves to Christ. What we cannot do for ourselves we find He can do for us. What we cannot be in ourselves we find He can be in us. So we agree to let Him do for us and be in us what we cannot do for ourselves or be in ourselves. The principle that we thus recognize and establish at the beginning of our Christian life is to be our principle to the end. Christ takes the place of self." These opening sentences of Mr. Speer's book embody his gospel and his rule of life. They are the key to the book, which in its every chapter is a call to the strenuous life—strenuous because Christ-filled, and Christ-filled because the life of faith. The volume is devotional, but not after the fashion of Thomas a Kempis, but of the modern man of affairs, as Mr. Speer is, every nerve at high tension, in touch with the work and the wear of life, and finding his one source of strength and staying power in the Divine Man of Nazareth. A fine collection of epigrams could be made from the volume, and some of its chapters, for instance, on Christ's Reversal of Judgments, and The Publicity of the Secret Life, are fresh and striking to a degree. It is a wholesome book for young people or for those who wish to know

how to deal with young people as to the Christian life.

**Nature and Character at Granite Bay.** By Daniel A. Goodsell. Eaton & Mains. New York. 219 pages illustrated, price \$1.50.

The twenty-two full page illustrations, the wide margins and high-grade paper, and the exquisite cover of green and gold, with its admirable marine design, make Dr. Goodsell's book a joy to the eye, and it is such a fresh and original study of the seashore and a seaside village and the characters to be found there, as makes one long for the coming of the spring, when the cottage will once more be opened, and the boats brought from under cover, and things got in order for the long, restful summer holiday. The author is a bishop; but he is a good camper and has, albeit, a keen and kindly eye. His "Gentleman Gad" is not equal to Dr. John Brown's famous "Rab," but he is a dog to be loved and remembered. The birds and beasts and creeping things of land and sea alike, are evidently the good bishop's friends, whilst The Fisherman, The Giant, The Hermit, The Mystery, and several other rare village characters, to each of which a chapter is devoted, are people, all of them rare after their sort. "Them flounders takes me," says The Giant. "They're good enough to eat when they get the mud out of them. But who squashed 'em flat and put their eyes on the top of their head? They're like some pious people, always with their eyes rolled up to heaven, but not missing anything on earth, I tell ye. I reckon a man's got

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