

hidden meanings come to light. Hence the advantage of books like this. The writer by keen spiritual insight and interpreting skill brings out the strength and beauty of the characters portrayed. In special lectures our old friends Obstinate and Pliable, Mr. Worldly-wise-man, Goodwill, the Interpreter, Talkative and Hate-goodly-oids and Giant Despair, Timorous and Mis-trust, Formalist and Hypocrisy; and the fair damsels, Prudence and Charity, pass before us with striking comment and elucidation of their characters.

Christus Consolator; or, Comfortable Words for Burdened Hearts. - By GILBERT HAVEN. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 264

The late Bishop Gilbert Haven has ever seemed to us an ideal Christian optimist, a man full of heart and hope and moral enthusiasm, brave as a lion in defence of right, tender as a woman in all human relations and affections. The present volume consists of a number of selected discourses chiefly on the relations of the life that now is to the life that is to come. The titles of the chapters will indicate their scope: "The Life Beyond," "The World Vanishing," "Man Fails, God Abides," "Endurance — Happiness," "The Christian Soldier," "The Enigma Solved." No one can read this volume without obtaining a spiritual uplift and inspiration which shall make him a wiser and a better man.

James Calvert of Fiji. By J. STRINGER ROWE. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 304.

The annals of missionary achievement contain no more stirring story than that of the life and labours of James Calvert, the apostle of Fiji. The progress of Methodist Missions in that land is like a continuation of the Acts of the Apostles. Through the labours of John Hunt, the Yorkshire ploughman, and his successors, this kingdom of darkness and cruelty has become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Where once foul devil altars blazed with

human sacrifices the family altar is erected in thousands of homes. The king himself became a Methodist local preacher, 900 Wesleyan chapels were erected and the proportion of church members to the population was probably greater than any land in Christendom. Enthusiastic missionary meetings were held, and native missionaries went forth to evangelize the neighbouring islands.

The Song of Songs, an inspired Melodrama. Analyzed, translated and explained by MILTON S. TERRY, Professor in Garret Biblical Institute. Cincinnati: Cranston & Curtis. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 25 cents.

Dr. Terry thinks that the writer of this Song of Songs, who celebrates in a sacred drama all the pure, unwavering loves of a woman's heart was herself a woman. The song he interprets as describing the fidelity of a village maiden—the Shulamite—to her rustic shepherd lover, despite the enticements of the court of Solomon. Such love as is here described he says "is a holy passion, and worthy to be extolled in the volume of Divine inspiration. Wherever it exists in its charming purity and power, it truly represents the blessed relation existing between God and His people, or between Christ and His Church."

The People's Bible. Discourses upon Holy Scripture. By JOS. PARKER, D.D. London: Mark-Luke. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Octavo, 460 pp., cloth, \$1.50.

Dr. Parker appears to even better advantage as a commentator upon the New Testament than upon the Old. The volumes on the Gospels are of special value. Dr. Parker's expositions of Scripture are considered models, profound, spiritual, and suggestive. Parker's People's Bible is a sort of everybody's commentary, and is of special help and value to pastors, preachers, lay-workers, and private readers. It contains bright supplies for all who read the English Bible.