

THE BOOK PAGE

Rev. J. M. Shaw, Minister of Logiepert United Free Church, Scotland, is under appointment by our General Assembly to a professorship in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. Last spring Mr. Shaw delivered, in the College, a short course of four lectures, which have now been issued in book form, with the title, **Christianity as Religion and Life** (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 99 pages, 60c. net). The chapter headings indicate the scope of the volume. Religions and Religion; or What is Religion? Religion and Sin; Sin and the Atonement; The Atonement and Life in the Risen Christ. Clear as crystal in thought and expression, and instinct throughout with a truly devout spirit, these lectures are a valuable contribution to the discussion of their great themes, and give bright promise of a brilliant and useful teaching ministry, to which the **TEACHERS MONTHLY** joins in welcoming Mr. Shaw. To the Short Course Series edited by Rev. John Adams, B.D. (same British and Canadian publishers) have been added **The Joy of Finding**, by Principal Garvie, D.D. (138 pages), being an exposition of the parable of the Prodigal Son; and **The Prayers of St. Paul**, by Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., of Wycliffe College, Toronto (143 pages). The price of each book is 60c. The U.C. Tract Society also sent us **Hymns that Have Helped**, by W. T. Stead (Stead's Publishing House, London, 120 pages, strongly bound in paper with leather finish, 20c.), containing the judgment of a strong and original mind as to the most successful hymns. A pathetic interest attaches to the account included in the booklet

to the sinking of the Titanic, in which the author, with so many hundreds of others, lost his life.

The Victim, in Thomas Dixon's latest novel of that title (511 pages, \$1.25, the Copp Clark Co., Toronto), is Jefferson Davis, first President of the Southern Confederacy and hero of the South in the disastrous civil war. The story begins with Jefferson Davis as a beautiful, high-spirited lad of seven, being sent away from his Mississippi home to begin the education his already brilliant brain merited. It follows him through his career as a daring, resourceful army officer on the Western plains among whites and Indians, deals with his love-story and its tragic ending, and then plunges into the depths of the horrors of the civil war, where Davis' genius made it possible for the South to hold its own through four long years. Mr. Dixon is a partizan, but this book is undoubtedly a labor of love, and gives an intensely interesting picture of "Jeff Davis," soldier and statesman, holding to his standards of truth and honor, through terrible national stress and personal suffering.

The Heart's Country, by Mary Heaton Vorse (Mussion Book Co., Toronto, 291 pages, \$1.25), is a particularly well chosen title. The story deals not with adventures by land or sea, but with the victories and defeats that went on in the quiet of a young girl's heart. Ellen Payne was an eminently lovable girl, beautiful, and an idealist, yet full of human fun and failings. She had many lovers, and in her little old diary she wrote down her heart's history. Other girls in reading this very sweet story may find help in choosing a safe and happy way among the difficult tangle of paths that lie at their feet.

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