

the Scottish Lowlander; the gallant dash of the Frenchman with the calm, philosophical studiousness of the Teuton; the *perferendum ingenium* of the Christian enthusiast with the far-seeing wisdom of the successful fisher of men. Listening to Dr. Mackay's rapturous descriptions of Formosan scenery and to his impassioned platform appeals to the Christian public, one turns with astonishment to the book that tells his story with wonderful circumstantiality of fact, exactness of scientific detail, and unconscious simplicity of diction while treating alike of great perils and great triumphs. He has made the Church once more his debtor by this famous missionary autobiography, and the prayer of each right-minded man and woman within her is that it may prove an inspiration to many hundreds of her devoted sons and daughters.

A very different book from the same publishers and written by another missionary of our Church is "Whispering Leaves of Palestine," by the Rev. A. W. Lewis, B.A., B.D., missionary among the Cree Indians of Mistawasis I. Reserve. It contains 208 neatly printed pages plainly bound, and is a series of brief descriptions of the principal plants mentioned in the Bible, with moral and spiritual reflections suggested by them. Dr. James Hamilton, of London, made much use of his botanical knowledge in the pulpit, like Dr. Hugh Macmillan, of Glasgow, but the style of each is much more elevated and poetical than is that of Mr. Lewis, whose original verses are like the figs in Jeremiah's second basket. Yet there is decided merit in "Whispering Leaves." The author has collected much useful and curious information concerning the Bible flora, and many of his brief sententious utterances and apt figures set forth important truths. He is apparently a student of human nature, and draws largely upon his experience of men. A little inclined perhaps to dwell upon sins and defects, he can yet appreciate honesty, cheerfulness, courtesy, tenderness, and truth, and illustrate their beauty from the plant world. Much good advice is scattered through his pages, and some that may appear trivial, such as to eat less meat and pickles and pastry, to abstain from the use of toilet powder, and to replace the extravagance of Mocha coffee with the home-made beverage of burnt bran. Although the work of a very earnest Christian man, there is much humour of an unintentional kind in the book, like the trousers of the probationer in Black's "Far Lochaber," which the young laird said would make a horse laugh. But its useful information and its shrewd, sanctified common sense should make "Whispering Leaves" a favorite with those whose tastes lead them to combine scripture botany with proverbial philosophy.

"The In-dwelling Christ," by James M. Campbell, author of "Unto the Uttermost," is another of the Fleming H. Revell Company's books. Like all their books, it is well got up; it contains 178 pages, and its price is a