

.. NOTES ON NEW BOOKS ..

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS

THE STORY OF THE OTHER WISE MAN, as told by Henry van Dyke, forms a 70 page booklet of delightful reading. It will make an attractive present for the holiday season. The Book Supply Co., Toronto.

THE GIST OF THE LESSON, by R. A. Torrey, (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto) needs no introduction to readers of *THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN*. It will be found a practical help to the study of the Sunday School lessons for 1904. Printed from good type in compact form, the booklet can be carried in the vest pocket. Price, 25c.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW, by George Ade, as the Preface tells us, "is made up of plain observations concerning people who live just round the corner," and "the vocabulary employed is one that has become familiar to the ear, although it is seldom seen on the printed page." The author is always cynically funny; and his pages, as he frankly tells us, contain a "shameless amount of slang." Illustrated by J. T. McCutcheon and others. The Book Supply Company, Toronto.

PENRUDDOCK OF THE WHITE LAMBS is a lively historical romance, by Samuel Harden Church, in which we get glimpses of many well known characters in a stirring era which tried men's souls, and whose shifting scenes take us to Holland, England and the then almost unbroken wilds of America. In its pages the reader is introduced to Charles II, his sisters, and many of their attendants; to the poets, James Shirley, John Dryden, and the gifted author of *Paradise Lost* and Secretary to the Lord Protector of England—John Milton; to Oliver Cromwell, the "uncrowned King," Elizabeth, his wife, his son and daughters. The story is well told, and the interest is well sustained throughout. The Book Supply Company, Toronto, \$1.50.

FOLLOW THE GLEAM. A Tale of the Time of Cromwell, by Joseph Hocking. Copp Clark and Company, Limited, Toronto. Illustrated. Price, \$1.25. The hero of this story is the youngest son of one of King Charles' strongest supporters. Young Roderick sees that justice is with Cromwell's side and so turns traitor, in the eyes of his family and sweetheart, to the King. How he obeys his conscience and follows the Gleam, coming out happily in the end, is told very well, the story being written in a strong and forcible manner. The description of the battle of Marston Moor is most interesting. The cover-design in gold on red cloth is very handsome, and the volume is altogether a most attractive one.

ADAM RUSH is the son of a typical Southerner. He finds his patrimony quickly disappearing and resolves to do something to retrieve the fallen fortunes of the family. At first he takes a situation in a country store, but finds the work irksome and uncongenial; next he studies law in which he ultimately makes his mark, defeating the unholy schemes of a railway promoter, and gains the applause and good will of his fellow citizens. The love story interwoven with the narrative is well told, and has the conventional ending. Unusually well printed and handsomely bound. \$1.50. The Book Supply Company.

THE WINGS OF THE MORNING, by Louis Tracey, (Toronto: McLeod and Allen) is a story telling of thrilling experiences in a terrible typhoon, followed by the disastrous wreck of a "Pand O" steamer, when only two—a man and a woman—came ashore alive; and giving in a number of vividly written chapters an interesting account of how the hero and heroine—modern Crusoes—subsisted for months; their encounters with savage Dykes; the discovery of a gold mine of fabulous richness; and their rescue at the right moment by a British war ship. What happened afterwards we shall allow our readers to find out for themselves. Mr. Tracey has given us a book of absorbing interest, which will add to his already high reputation; and the publishers are entitled to a word of commendation for clear typography, good paper and neat binding. Price \$1.25.

GETTING ONE'S BEARINGS—Observations for Direction and Distance by Alexander McKenzie, D.D., Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, \$1.25. The title of this volume has a peculiar ring, but it covers over 300 pages of very practical and instructive reading. Perhaps the better title would be "Talks to College Men," for that practically is what the book is. To be a gentleman, a citizen of the world and superior to it, is the theme on which Dr. McKenzie has grouped these "talks." With rare charm that grips one's thought and fancy, he surveys a character wherein reason, ready action, imagination and religion play each its part. He speaks, too, about the things that mould men, friendship, luck, travel, the varying winds and forces that must be counted in taking bearing for life's voyage. The moral and religious tone of the volume throughout is excellent. For young men it is a good companion volume for the Book of Books.

THE CRISES OF THE CHRIST, by G. Campbell Morgan. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. We are warned at the outset that this is not a life of Christ in the ordinary sense of the term. Many lives of Christ have been written devoted mainly to the consideration of the purpose for which He came into the world and how that purpose was accomplished. The author would fix our attention, to use his own words, "not so much upon the words of His life or His working of wonders and signs as upon the uttering of a Divine Word and His accomplishment of a Divine Work." In all God's works there are processes and crises. In the coming and early life of the Redeemer there are processes and crises. Our author deals with the crises rather than the processes. This is the origin of the catching title, "The Crises of the Christ." These crises are: The Birth of Christ; The Baptism; The Temptation; The Transfiguration; The Crucifixion; The Resurrection; The Ascension. As might be expected from one of Mr. Morgan's ability, piety and experience, the book will prove a distinct acquisition to any theological library, whilst the devout reader will find much to stimulate, strengthen and comfort him in the way in which this distinguished preacher deals with the ever absorbing themes of man's ruin by sin and redemption in Christ Jesus.

CHINA'S BOOK OF MARTYRS by Luelia Miner, author of "Two Heroes of Cathay," Philadelphia; The Westminster Press. Net price \$1.50. Postage 15c. This book is a record of heroic martyrdoms and marvellous deliverances of Chinese Christians during the summer of 1900, detailing thrilling incidents and wonderful examples of devotion and self-sacrifice. Not since the days of the Reformation period has there been given such a testimony of the power of the simple gospel to hold men true to their convictions as was given by the Chinese Christians, who willingly died during the Boxer uprising, rather than recant their principles or deny their Saviour. We shall hear no more about Chinese Christians being "Rice Christians." Included in the volume is a series of interviews with Chinese converts, which brings to light, in a realistic manner, the terrible experiences which they suffered at the hands of the Boxers. The knowledge gained by the reading of this book will act as a wonderful stimulus to missionary effort, for no one could read it and remain indifferent to the cause of missions. There is in the narratives of this volume an encouragement for the Church at home to sustain and extend its foreign missions. It is a help to faith; one gets a spiritual uplift as he reads. No better illustration of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews can be found in modern or current history. Toronto: Canada Tract Society.

THE REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF THE BIBLE. By George Matheson, D.D., L.L.D., (Ishmael to Daniel.) Published by Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. For sale by the Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto. Price \$1.75. Dr. Matheson is one of the popular teachers of our day. He is a preacher, a poet, and his writings are all saturated with Christian feeling. He published a year or two ago *The Representative Men of the Bible* and drew his pictures so well that the public desired more. Here we have the second instalment which is not a whit inferior to the first. The author aims to picture various Bible characters and thus to show the spiritual beauty and charm of the men with whom we come in contact in the Holy Scripture. In this volume we have Ishmael the Outcast, Lot the Lingerer, Melchizedek the uncanonical, Balaam the inconsistent, Aaron the vacillating, Caleb the explorer, Boaz the kind, Gideon the humble, Jonathan the generous, Mephiboseth the deformed, Jonah the narrow, Hezekiah the devout, Isaiah the philanthropist, Jeremiah the melancholy, Ezekiel the individualist, and Daniel the daring. It is needless to say that Dr. Matheson's pen pictures of his "Representative Men" is not only attractive but also instructive reading—much better reading than the great majority of modern novels.

AFTER PRISON—WHAT?—By Maud Ballington Booth. Fleming H. Revell Company, Maud Ballington Booth (nec Charlesworth) is the wife of Ballington Booth, the General in Chief of the Volunteers of America. This organization was incorporated in 1896, and is an offshoot of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Booth's magnetic personality, combined with her clear headed sympathy, have enabled her to accomplish striking results from her work on behalf of the pri-