

## THE BOOK PAGE

Books for review to be sent to the EDITORS OF THE TEACHERS MONTHLY, Room 87, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

**The Life of Joseph Parker, Pastor of City Temple, London.** By William Adamson, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 387 pages; price \$1.75 net.

It was the City Temple that gave Joseph Parker his world wide fame as a preacher; but it was the preaching of Parker that made the City Temple, with its overflowing Sunday congregations, and its wonderful Thursday noon service, which throughout twenty-eight years drew its great audience of busy citizens and tourists from the streets of London at the busy hour of the day. Like Thomas Carlyle, Parker was the son of a village stone mason—of the sturdy sort, too, as was Carlyle's father. Both were fortunate in their mothers also, but Parker's mother was not of the masterful type, as was Carlyle's. Looking back on her as he knew her, her son says, "Sweet mother! A sort of superstitious woman withal, and not indisposed to believe in ghosts." Perhaps this accounts for the tender, human, mystical strain in Parker, who, on occasion, could thunder and crash in true Carlylean fashion. Dr. Adamson, in twenty-eight well balanced chapters, traces the life and life work of his hero for he is a veritable hero to his biographer—from his early days, carrying the hod for his father, and a little later preaching his first

sermon on the village green, through the two preliminary pastorates and the great London ministry which followed. Parker, the author, is also described. His "Ecce Homo" was famous in its day. His People's Bible is a colossal work, which preachers will consult for yet many a year. The ten portraits of Parker are a striking feature of his life, some will think even as interesting as the text. Altogether the book is a distinct addition to religious biography.

**The Songs of Hebrew History.** By Rev. John McNair, B.A., B.D., Oakville, Ont. 94 pages. U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 50c.

Under the four headings, Home Songs, Songs of Weal and Woe, War Songs, Royal and National Songs, Mr. McNair, who is an excellent Hebrew scholar and of good literary taste, has arranged the poetical passages of the Historical books of the Old Testament, each in its proper historic setting, and expressed in its natural form of poetic rhythm. It is well done, and many, besides students and ministers, will be glad to have these songs of Hebrew History so skillfully grouped together, with a touch, here and there, bringing out some fresh meaning.

**The Homeland of the Bible.** By Rev. J. P. Macphie, M.A., Hopewell, Nova Scotia. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 313 pages; price \$1.50 net.

This is far more than a book of travel. It does contain an account, written in clear and attractive style, of a journey by an open eyed traveller through the fas-

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