

cations, Toronto, 84 pages, 25c. each, \$2.25 per dozen), holds a distinct place of its own. It contains a compact, yet thorough exposition of the scripture passages bearing on the great memorial feast of the church, the passages dealt with being arranged in convenient groups. The method is well adapted to a pastor's class preparatory to the communion, or to studies in a Young People's Society. A careful reading of it, also, by new communicants, cannot fail to be of great benefit. Of special practical value are the chapters on the Qualifications for partaking of the Lord's Supper and Excuses.

The day the general manager of a great railroad rode six miles on a buckboard over the Poquette Carry, through "honey-pots" of mud, and over rocks and stumps, was the birthday of the railway told of in a **Rainy Day Railroad War**, by Holman F. Day (A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, 257 pages, 9 illustrations, Price \$1.00). When the portly president of the road, bound also on a fishing trip to "the best fishing grounds in the country," went the same buckboard ride a few weeks later the coming of the road was made sure. But it is of the contest between Parker, the young engineer with "brains and spunk and muscle," and old Colonel Gideon Ward, the long-time tyrant of the lumber camps, that this rather good out-door story tells. How Parker at last won out, and how the savage old Colonel, through "great tribulation," was at last "fitted out with the heart and soul of a man," is a tale well worth the reading.

A title sometimes leads astray; but he will be much mistaken who supposes that **An Outline of Christian Truth** (By Robert A. Lendrum, M.A., T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 126 pages, 20c.), is mere bare bones. True, it is closely, very closely, articulated; but it is so clear in statement, so rich in illustration, so thoroughly modern and "live" in its point of view, that the reading of it is a delight. The author is quite frank; and so, while keeping step with the time-honored Westminster Confession, has no hesitation in doing battle with it, when occasion demands; this, always be it said, with becoming respect. The book stands side by side—and this is high praise—with Professor Kilpatrick's Handbook, A Summary of Christian Doctrine, and may well be used along with it in Teacher Training Classes. Even veteran theologians may find much that is fresh and stimulating in this excellent manual.

The translator of **The Simple way**, by Laotze, a Chinese philosopher, believed to have been born 604 B.C. (Philip Wajby, London, 186 pages, paper, 35c.), has done the English-reading world a real service in placing within reach the treasures of thought of that far away day and land. One is inclined, before reading far on in the book, to concur in the conclusion of 'The Times' quoted on the title page, that "Laotze remains a prince among philosophers." As one travels further, he can only reverently wonder at the insight and genius of a writer who lays no claim to supernatural inspiration.

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