

by Rev. Henry W. Clark (Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, 224 pages, \$1.25 net), that it brings out into clear relief the controlling and guiding purpose of this Gospel. Mr. Clark's book helps us to a fresh view of the words and deeds of the historic Christ, that deepens and strengthens our conviction that in Him was the very life of God in all His fulness communicating itself to men.

Nine sermons to young people occupy the place of honor in Dinsdale T. Young's, **Messages for Home and Life**. (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 274 pages, \$1.25.) The remaining nine discourses are addressed both to young and older. All are characterized by directness, plainness of speech, poise, and, if one may add it without suspicion of punning,—averdupois. The sermons to the young take up the stock topics of business life, recreation and amusement, love and courtship, marriage, home life, etc.: stock subjects, but always fresh, for is there not always a fresh generation of young people, encountering the same problems as those who have gone before them, and to whom a fresh word from a living tongue is welcome? To say that probably Mr. Dinsdale Young's words were listened to with interest, and that certainly they hold, when written down and read, is to give high praise to a welcome book.

At the date of his death in 1906, Dr. John Laidlaw had been for twenty-three years a professor in New College, Edinburgh. Before becoming a professor, he had been, for twenty-two years a pastor, first at

Bannockburn, then at Perth, and finally at Aberdeen. After his death, Dr. Marcus Dods said of him, "I suppose I may say that Dr. Laidlaw never preached a poor sermon; certainly I never heard him preach one." One of his Perth hearers declared that he would never, so long as he lived, forget "the thrill in his voice". **Studies in the Parables: And Other Sermons** (Hodder and Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 345 pages, \$1.25) is a collection of sermons, which fully bear out such testimony. Makers of sermons will find in these, not only information and suggestion as to matter, but, what is perhaps equally important, excellent models of the art of presenting scripture truth in a fresh and interesting manner. The sermons are prefaced by a brief, but excellent, biography of their author, written by his successor in the professor's chair, Dr. H. R. Mackintosh.

**The Pastor's Place of Privilege and Power in the Sunday School**, by E. A. Fox (Publishing House M. E. South, 210 pages, 75c.) is an unpretending, but meaty little book, written by a layman, a State S. S. Secretary who has made a special study of the pastor and the Sunday School. It contains a pretty full resume of modern S. S. methods, as related to the pastor's interest and share in that important work.

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