

## Book Shelf.

All books mentioned here can be procured from the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto.

**A Mighty Means of Usefulness.** A plea for intercessory prayer. By James G. McClure, D.D. Published by the Revell Co., Toronto. Price, 30 cents.

This book seeks to exalt the power and influence of intercessory prayer, which, in these busy times, is in danger of being neglected. It is really an inspiring and valuable work, full of good things.

**Fishing Jimmy.** By Annie Trumbull Slosson. With illustrations by Alice Barber Stephens. The Revell Co., Toronto, Chicago and New York. Price, 30 cents.

"Fishing Jimmy," up in the Franconia Hills of New Hampshire, was brought to love Jesus through his keen appreciation of the fishing stories of the Gospels, and of a deep desire to become a fisher of men. This seemed to be denied him while he lived, but the simple narration of his artless experiences has doubtless done no little to benefit many, and in this indirect way his wishes have been met.

**The Sword of Garibaldi.** By Felicia Buttz Clark. Published by Eaton & Mains, New York. Price, \$1.25.

A splendid story of the struggle for Italian liberty, many of the incidents clustering around Garibaldi, the enthusiastic leader of the reforms, army, the heroism, the daring, the perseverance, the kindness of the great general are vividly illustrated. A beautiful love story runs through the book, which is well written. This is the kind of literature that should find a place in every Sunday-school library.

**Manhood's Morning.** An inspiring book on character building, for young men. By Joseph Alfred Carroll. The Vir Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$1.00.

It is a hopeful sign that books of counsel and inspiration for young men continue to come from the press in great numbers. It indicates a healthy demand for this kind of literature. This is one of the best that we have seen. The following are some of the chapter headings: Thirteen million young men. The best years of life. What some young men have done. Wild oats and other weeds. Reasons why young men go wrong. Paying the piper.

**A Short History of the Christian Church.** For students and general readers. By Prof. J. W. Moncrieff, Associate Professor of Church History in the University of Chicago. Published by the Revell Co., Toronto, Chicago and New York. Price, \$1.50.

The purpose of this book is declared to be twofold: First.—To meet the wants of beginners in the study of church history, who want a general and connected view of the whole subject before taking up special lines of investigation. Second.—To meet the wants of a large and increasing number of intelligent people who would like to know something of the history of the Christian Church, but who have not the time for the large volumes. The book is quite comprehensive, and contains a large amount of valuable information.

**Life and Drum at Louisville.** By J. McDonald Oakley. Published by Geo. N. Morang & Co., Toronto. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Oakley is a teacher in one of our Toronto Methodist Sunday-schools, and therefore ought to know something of the needs of our young people. He has written a large number of books for boys, which are first-class in every particular. We much prefer them to the works of Henry. This volume is a graphic description of the capture of Louisville from the French by the English. The historical facts are woven into a most interesting story, in which two bright New England lads figure prominently. The book will be very popular with boys generally, and ought to be in the Sunday-school library.

**Individual Work for Individuals.** A record of personal experiences and convictions. By Dr. H. Clay Trumbull. Published by the Revell Co., Toronto, Chicago, New York. In paper covers, 30 cents.

Dr. Trumbull, who has recently passed away, was the author of a number of useful volumes, most of which deserve to live. One of the latest is this little book on "Individual Work." It is largely a narrative of personal experiences in the line of effort for the spiritual welfare of others, illustrating what God is able to do for and by one who is willing to work for Him. The book is suggestive and helpful.

**Misunderstood.** By Rev. H. D. Kennedy. Published by William Briggs. Price, paper, 60c; cloth, 75c.

This little book is somewhat handicapped by its title, which is not all captivating. The contents are, however, unusually attractive. The book is a series of sketches on the life of Christ, touching especially upon his loneliness, his Nazareth home life, his temptation, the resurrection, etc. There is much that will bring comfort and cheer to sad and lonely hearts in these pages.

**The Missionary Bulletin** for September. Letters from Missionaries and Superintendents to their fellow-workers at home. Published quarterly by the Missions. Price, 13c to per single copy. Sent to any address in Canada for one year for 90 cents. Address, Dr. F. C. Stephenson, Toronto.

This little book contains the latest news from the mission field and is the medium of communication between the missionaries and the Leagues that are supporting them. It contains much interesting information, and has some good illustrations.

**Every Creature.** By M. T. Lamb. Published by the American Baps at Publication Society, Philadelphia, in paper cover, price 15 cents.

A stirring call to active evangelism at home and abroad. No one can read these pages without feeling the great need there is for personal work on behalf of the unsaved masses around us. The author has put, in a very forcible way, some much-needed truths.

## Secrets of Success.

What is the secret of success? asked the Sphinx.

Push, said the button.

Take pains, said the window.

Never be led, said the pencil.

Be up to date, said the calendar.

Always keep cool, said the ice.

Do business on the tick, said the clock.

Never lose your head, said the barrel.

Do a driving business, said the hammer.

Aspire to greater things, said the nutmeg.

Make much of small things, said the microscope.

Never do anything offhand, said the glove.

Spend much time in reflection, said the mirror.

Never take sides, but be round when you're wanted, said the bell.

Get a good pull with the ring, said the doorbell.

Be sharp in all dealings, said the knife.

Find a good thing and stick to it, said the glue.

Trust to your star of success, said the night.

Strive to make a good impression, said the seal.

Turn all things to your advantage, said the lathe.—Pittsburg Despatch.

## Talk it Up.

If you find one who says regarding the convention, "Don't know anything about it," resolve yourself into a society for the promotion of some good evangelistic work. No man should be left ignorant of or careless concerning the every way largeness of the coming meeting if he is within a mile of a league. Talk convention, pray for the convention, and get at work for the convention. Do it now. Leagues can accomplish much by holding convention rallies. Practical themes, interspersed with music and social amenities, will work any League up to the enthusiastic point.

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