

Books and Periodicals

Looks into Books.

"In His Keeping."

READERS of the HERALD need no introduction to Amy Parkinson, the sweet Canadian poetess, whose verses find a place in almost every issue of our journal. Appointed to a life of suffering, she has in youth learned many of life's deepest lessons. Though confined to a sick room, with no prospect of recovery, she has in the quiet caught "the vision splendid," and her verses glow with the light "from where beyond these voices there is peace."

Miss Parkinson's first booklet, "Love Through All," has been widely circulated, and has gained a large circle of appreciative readers. The present little volume, "In His Keeping," will be as gladly welcomed. Its "words of sustaining from the source of all strength" will bring help to all who grow faint because of the toil and painfulness of the way. The arrangement of these selections from the author's poems is in the form of daily readings—one for each day of the month.

We cannot refrain from quoting the introductory poem, not because it is better than the other thirty-two in the book, but because it breathes out the unfaltering trust that has sustained the author amid a life of pain, and which she longs to have others share:

"In Jesus' keeping, here and there—
On earth and in His heaven so fair—
And Love through all between :
No seasons shall be ours of woe ;
No time of suffering we shall know—
In days that intervene
Between this moment and the hour
When, answering His word of power,
To yon bright world we rise—
But to our highest good will tend,
When pain shall cease and sorrow end,
Beyond these darkened skies."

This is a booklet to be put in the hands of all who pass through life's weary ways. It will bring help to the sorrowing and the suffering by its messages of cheer. [The Endeavor Herald Co., Toronto. Price 20 cents.

Paul : A Servant of Jesus Christ.

Few English Pastors are so well known in this country as the Rev. F. B. Meyer, of Christ Church, London. His books have been very widely circulated, and his addresses and sermons at Northfield, New York, Chicago and elsewhere, have made his name familiar among religious people in all the churches. In addition to the onerous duties of a large congregation, Mr. Meyer has found time to write extensively for the press, and his list of published books must now number fifty or more. He has been enabled to publish so many books, he himself explains, because of his ability to concentrate his attention under all sorts of conditions and to use spare moments wherever they occur—on the cars, steamboats, busses, etc.

This new volume on Paul, is one of Mr. Meyer's Biblical Character series. It is characterized by the same qualities that have marked his Old Testament series—spiritual insight, freshness of interpretation, and simplicity of style. His pages everywhere bear the impress of research, and a

quick imagination represents in concrete form the main incidents of the Apostle's life. Such vivid writing as the following abounds in Mr. Meyer's books :

"In the Jew quarter of the thriving city of Tarsus, at the beginning of this era (perhaps 4 A.D.), a child was born, who by his life and words was destined to make it famous in all time and to give a new impulse to men's religious convictions. At his circumcision he probably received a double name, that of Saul for his family, and that of Paul for the world of trade and municipal life.

"The stamp of the great city left an ineffaceable impression upon the growing lad, and in this his early years were widely different from his Master's. Jesus was nurtured in a highland village, and avoided towns, loved to teach on the hillside, and cull His illustrations from the field of nature. Paul was reared amid the busy streets and crowded bazaars of Tarsus, thronged with merchants, students, and sailors from all parts of the world. Unconsciously, as the lad grew he was being prepared to understand life under every aspect, and to become habituated to the thoughts and habits of the store, the camp, the arena, the temple. He became a man to whom nothing which touched human life was foreign. He loved the stir of city life, and drew his metaphors from its keen interests."

There are twenty-one chapters in the book, covering the main features of Paul's life. The author's treatment of his conversion, his call to the apostleship, his remarkable experience when he was caught up into Paradise to hear unspeakable words, and other incidents of his life, is original and suggestive. The volume is a valuable addition to the already long list of books dealing with the great apostle to the Gentiles. The publishers are Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto, and the price is ninety cents.

Little Books on Religion.

This valuable series of books on important religious themes now numbers eleven, and each volume increases one's sense of obligation to the versatile editor, Dr. Robertson Nicoll, who planned the series. He has chosen strong writers. Their choice of themes has been happy and their treatment of these themes felicitous and helpful.

The tenth volume is by the Rev. Peter Taylor Forsyth, D.D., of Cambridge, and the title, "The Holy Father and the Living Christ." The first part of the volume is an exposition of John 17:11, in which the Fatherhood of God is considered from the standpoint of Christ's mission and work, unfolding the basis of true sonship. The second part deals with Revelation 1:17, 18. The author views the Christian faith as faith in Christ, and considers it in three aspects: faith in a historic Christ, a living Christ, and a Christ personal to each of us.

In considering the divine Fatherhood, Dr. Forsyth truly says: "Men put too little into that word, Father." Their practical thought of God is not always as Father even if they speak much of the Fatherhood. By practical I mean what really and experimentally affects their religion, colors their habits of soul, moulds their silent tone of mind, helps and sustains their secret heart. They treat God as power, judge, king, providence of a sort. He is for them a most rectoral deity. But it is the