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WHAT A YOUNG BOY OUGHT TO KNOW. By Sylvanus Stall, D.D.

THIS is a book that has come to stay, because it supplies a want. Indeed, its value cannot be overestimated, and every father who has a growing boy should put its well-considered pages in his hands.

In the past, foolish and illogical prudishness has led to the corruption and ruin of body and soul of many lads, for nothing aids vice so much as ignorance. The asylums and private retreats of our country bear witness to this fact. It is deplorable beyond measure to see in "strait jackets" and cells, numbers of young men who are hopelessly imbecile because they were neither forewarned nor forearmed.

Dr. Stall handles the subject with good taste and good judgment, and there is not to be found from cover to cover a prurient or suggestive word.

The book, which belongs to "The Self and Sex Series," is highly recommended by Edward W. Bok, Joseph Cook, Anthony Comstock, John Willis Baer, Lady Henry Somerset, Bishop Vincent, Theodore Cuyler, Mary A. Livermore, and others.

William Briggs, Toronto.

ABOUT MONEY. Talks to Children. By Perry Wayland Smith.

"THINK as we may," says the author of this book, "money is the ruling force of this age."

In view of this fact, every parent should see to it that their children have right principles, and correct notions regarding money.

Most children have little idea of it except as something to squander. With them it is a case of "come easy," and "go easy."

These talks "About Money" cannot fail to be a great help to any youth who will peruse its pages. They will find the book readable from end to end, for the instruction throughout is joyfully insidious.

The chapters are entitled as follows: Getting Money, Spending Money, Sharp Bargains, The Poor Poor, The Poor Rich, The Rich Poor, and The Rich Rich.

We would particularly commend to the consideration of parents the good, hard, common-sense contained in the following extract: "The second round in the ladder, whose top leans on wealth, is saving habits, or economy of one's earnings. We would make the emphasis upon the 'habit' of savings, rather than upon the amount of one's savings. As it is minutes that make the hours, so it is the cents that make the dollars. Take care of the minutes, and the hours will take care of themselves. In like manner, take care of the cents and the dollars will not need special care. A person who spends as much money as he earns every week will never become rich by such a process. But if a person manages to keep back or save something every week, no matter how small the amount, the beginnings of his fortune are already made. 'The beginning of a deposit, however small, in a savings bank' is the statement of one of our thoughtful men, 'may be regarded as the crisis of many a moral destiny.' If a person manages to save back something from what he earns, and puts it where it will earn more, he will, in time, be well-to-do, will have money with which to do good."

It is a book you ought to have in your home.

Fleming H. Revell, Chicago, New York, Toronto.

THE GREY CLOAK. By Harold Macgrath.

THIS is by a long way the best novel we have read for many a day. We do not hesitate to rank the author with men who hold niches in our Temple of Fame as "standard authors."

It is a daring story of warring passions, rife with power, and told with masterly