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John L. Alexander is an authority on the teen age, of international reputation. The Boy and the Sunday School, directly from his pen, and The Sunday School and the Teens, a report of the Commission on Adolescence authorized by the San Francisco Convention of the International Sunday School Association, edited by Mr. Alexander, have been issued by the Association Press, New York (respectively 284 pages, \$1.00, and 416 pages, \$1.00). These two volumes mark a distinct stage in the discussion of the teen age problem and the proper adjustment of the Sunday School requisite to meet it. Both books should. be in every Sunday School Teachers' library, and no teacher, whether his School be of the teen age or otherwise, can read the books without great profit. The Boy and the Sunday School is largely a volume of methods and suggestions for leaders and teachers in the Sunday School, to promote the better handling of the boy problem. It takes up the boy in his various relations to home, public school, church, Sunday School, Bible Study for boys, their religious activities, and so on: The Sunday School and The Teens is a more elaborate discussion of the whole question of the educational needs of the adolescent .ge and includes valuable papers by such well-known writers as Margaret Slattery, Dr. A. H. McKinney, Dr. A. L. Phillips, Dr. Rufus W. Miller, Dr. George J. Fisher, Y.M.C.A. International Secretary of Physical Department, Dr. Henry F. Cope, General Secretary, Religious Education Association, and Dr. B. S. Winchester. Neither of these books is to be read for entertainment, but both will richly requite serious study.

One may not always pree with Lyman Abbott, but one is always delighted with his humanness and keenness and candor. All these qualities are abundantly evident in his **Letters to Unknown Friends** (Musson Book Company, Toronto, 167 pages, 60c.), which is chiefly a compilation of these "Letters" as they have appeared from time to time in The Outlook. The Letters touch upon people's inquiries concerning such points as a personal God, prayer, the second coming. the Sabbath problem, creative evolution, future punishment, etc. The reader cannot fail to be set thinking, and often to get light and direction from Dr. Abbott's lucid treatment of difficult questions.

John T. Faris has the "pen of a ready writer," and hence it is no surprise to find two new books bearing his name, so soon after, Winning the Oregon Country, and, The Life of J. R. Miller. But he has so much more than a ready pen, that the new volumes are heartily welcome. That "so much more" includes especially, a keen eye for the picturesque, a wonderful fund of "happy instances," and a genuine understanding of the boy and young man mind. • All these characteristics are exemplified in The Alaskan Pathfinder (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 221 pages, illustrated, \$1.00 net), and Seeking Success (same publisher, 286 pages, \$1.25 net). The "Alaskan Pathfinder" is Sheldon Jackson, the real discoverer of Alaska. That indefatigable and unconquerable "bishop of all out-doors" is carried through the stages of an eventful life as missionary, explorer, reindeer farmer and all the rest.



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