

In sweet compassion was the soft glance
turned
On mine, till senses quickened and I
learned
The tenderness within the eyes that
scanned.

'O Angel of the Sombre Cowl! close fold
My hand and lead me into peace, 'I prayed;
But with a glowing glance of love untold,
Alone to the Unknown he passed. Now
stayed

Is former dread; whatever life may hold,
I follow to the end, all unafraid.

"The Little White Bird; or, Adventures in Kensington Gardens. By J. M. Barrie. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd. Pp. iv-349.

The author of "The Little Minister" never wrote anything more dainty and delicate than this story of child life. It reveals the heart of a child, the depth of mother love, and the yearning of a childless man. The narrator of the story is a retired military officer, disappointed in love in his youth, who takes to his heart the child David, and lavishes upon him the wealth of his affection. The inimitable mixture of humour and pathos are in Barrie's finest vein. We don't envy the man or woman who can read this story without being moved to both smiles and tears.

"Jesus' Way." An Appreciation of the Teaching in the Synoptic Gospels. By William DeWitt Hyde. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xii-198. Price, \$1 net.

This book is an appeal from dogma to life, from theory to personal experience. "Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands have tried Jesus' way, and found it to satisfy their souls as nothing else can do." In a series of striking chapters, President Hyde describes this way of life, our Lord as its incarnation, his kingdom as its spirit, repentance the entrance to the way, love its law, loyalty its witness, sacrifice its cost, blessedness its reward. In pungent paragraphs he rebukes the sins of heart and life which mar and stain this holy way. The book is one of great ethical value.

"Belshazzar. A Tale of the Fall of Babylon." By William Stearns Davis. With illustrations by Lee Woodward Zigler; decorations by J. E. Laub. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd. Pp. vii-427.

This vivid portraiture of one of the great events of Scripture history has much to commend it. The special studies of the writer throw much light on the period, and give a new interest to the sacred narrative. Few episodes in Bible history lend themselves more readily to this treatment than the story of the fall of the great empire of Babylon. The descriptions of its pride and pomp and splendour are vividly painted.

"The Healing of Souls." A series of revival sermons. By Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D.D., author of "The Great Saints of the Bible," etc. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 302. Price, \$1.50.

This is another volume of the revival sermons which have won practical success. They were preached at a revival at Grace M. E. Church, New York, at which three hundred souls in the month were led to the Saviour. They contain the very fatness and marrow of the Gospel, and abound in striking illustrations and appropriate verse. Unlike many sermons, they form admirable reading.

"The Valley of Decision." By Edith Wharton. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 656. Price, \$1.50.

So great has been the success of this book that it went through five two-volume editions in six months, and is now reproduced in one volume of six hundred and fifty pages at the reduced price of \$1.50. It is reserved for further notice.

In our notice of Funk & Wagnalls' "Jewish Encyclopaedia," in our October number, the price was given as \$5.00 per volume. This is a mistake; the price is \$6.00 a volume—and well worth it.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.