

"Witnesses from Israel." *Life Stories of Jewish Converts to Christianity.* Edited by Rev. Arnold Frank. Translated by Mrs. A. Fleming. Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 118. Price, 50 cents.

There is a common theory that it is impossible, or next to it, to convert a Jew. On the contrary, many thousands of Jews have in recent years become Christian converts, and many of them distinguished ministers of Christ. This book contains the record of twelve such, all men of marked distinction. Among these is the father of Lord Herschell, late Lord Chancellor of England, Drs. Saphir and Edersheim, Professors Neander, Cassel, Caspari, and many others. Some of the sketches are autobiographic.

"Two Country Walks in Canada." By Arnold Haultain. Illustrated. Toronto: Geo. N. Morang & Co. Pp. vii-93. Price, \$1.25.

These essays, when they appeared in *The Nineteenth Century*, and *Blackwood*, attracted, like a similar article in a late *Atlantic Monthly*, much attention for their literary grace and keen sympathy with nature. The book is quite an edition de luxe, with its large pages, ample margins, and fine illustrations. As a nature-study of Canadian autumn and winter aspects, by a cultured Englishman, though born, by the way, in Calcutta, it is a gem of literature.

"Faces Toward the Light." By Sylvanus Stall, D.D. Author of "Methods of Church Work," etc. Philadelphia: Vir Publishing Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 310. Price, \$1.00 net.

This book is one of genial Christian optimism. "Every phase of the Christian life, its joys, its sorrows, its temptations and triumphs, is treated in a reverent and deeply spiritual manner that is sure to prove helpful and inspiring to every reader." The book, like the age in which we live, is Christocentric, and

illustrates the truth, never so true as now, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

"A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Numbers." By George Buchanan Gray, M.A., D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo. Pp. iii-489.

The conflict of criticism still centres largely about the Pentateuch. This book gives the results of most recent studies on the Book of Numbers. It accepts frankly and fully the theory of its composite character, and in large part of late origin. It follows largely the lines of Dr. Driver and the *Encyclopedia Biblica*. It is a monument of Biblical scholarship, but conservative critics will not accept implicitly all of its conclusions.

"The Sermon on the Mount." A Practical Exposition of St. Matthew vi. 16; vii. 27. By Rev. J. G. Greenhough, M.A. Manchester: James Robinson. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii-269. Price, 4s. 6d. net.

It was a happy thought to collect in illustration of the matchless discourse of our Lord a group of twenty expositions of portions of that great sermon by a number of distinguished preachers. The book has thus a greater unity in variety than generally obtains in works of the sort, and the sermons are characterized by evangelical earnestness.

Reserved for further notice.

"The Silver Poppy." By Arthur Stringer. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 291. Price, \$1.25.

"The Heart of Rome: A Tale of the 'Lost Water.'" By Francis Marion Crawford. Author of "Cecilia," etc. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company. Pp. 369. Price, \$1.50.

"Place and Power." By Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler (Mrs. Alfred Laurence Felkin). Author of "A Double Thread," etc. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 352. Price, \$1.50.

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the claspings of hands,
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!