

highest honor to serve. In, **The Church and the Changing Order**, Professor Shailer Matthews gives a clear and comprehensive view of the social situation, while every page is vibrant with the summons to service. In the closing chapter there is a sane and convincing discussion of the problem of obtaining men for the ministry. (The Macmillan Company of Canada, 255 pages, \$1.50 net.)

From Opium Fiend to Preacher (The Musson Book Company, Toronto, 181 pages, 75c.), is altogether an unusually interesting bit of work. The story is a remarkable one: how Cheng Ting Chiah, an abject opium smoker, became a Christian and a preacher. It is well told. Mr. A. P. Quirnbach, the writer, is a missionary of experience in China. It is abundantly illustrated by half tones and pen and ink drawings, the latter quaint and original. Sunday School scholars and young people interested in missions will snap at the book.

A "devotional commentary" which has run into its third edition must have proved helpful to a large number of readers. One needs only to dip into Rev. F. B. Meyer's, **The Epistle to the Philippians**, to recognize it as worthy of the favor it has won. Portion by portion, it takes up the letter of the apostle to the church which was his "joy and crown," and penetrates to the very heart of the joving message. (The Religious Tract Society, London, U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 261 pages, 70c.).

Whatever Kate Douglas Wiggin writes has the

vital touch. She knows the Eastern coast and its "characters." Her **New Chronicles of Rebecca** (William Briggs, Toronto, 278 pages, 8 full page illustrations, \$1.25 net) is a delightful delineation of a half-grown school-girl, with an overflowing imagination, and an insatiable desire to write down her thoughts in prose and poetry, but with the budding shrewdness and humor of the down east Yankee; her sayings and doings, and those of her friends, young and old. A book of wise nonsense—one feels better as well as happier for the reading of it.

Polly Pat's Parish—Is the alliterative title of a new book by Winifred Kirkland (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto and New York, 224 pages, \$1.25). The Parish is Forrestdale, a New England town, with its quarter where the "old families" lived and its factory end. "Polly Pat" herself was the unconventional, sixteen-year-old, motherless daughter of the rector of the parish, with her father and a "raft of youngsters" under her care. How a long smouldering feud between the two sections of the community at last blazes out into a strike, which is ended by the drawing together of employers and employed through the efforts of the rector, with Polly as his shrewd assistant and counsellor, is told in a vivacious style, and with a keen and humorous appreciation of New England character and life.

From the U.C. Tract Society comes also, **Elms of Life: And Other Sermons**, by Rev. J. D. Jones, of Bournemouth. (Same publishers, 256 pages, \$1.00 net).

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