

A Boys' Life of Christ

Rev. William B. Forbush has carried through a difficult task in an admirable manner in *The Boys' Life of Christ*. No one who was not fully in sympathy with boy nature, retaining in his own maturer life much of the boy's imagination, humor and optimism, could have produced from the familiar materials so stirring and entertaining and yet accurate and reverent a book.

It has always seemed to us that, in the new conditions of Biblical study and social life, what was most needed in the interpretation of Bible narrative for young people was this free use of the imagination, informed and controlled by adequate knowledge and a true sense of proportion. This book admirably illustrates the possibilities of this method and is in itself so interesting that the boy who is fortunate enough to begin it will be likely to carry his reading further for the pure pleasure of the story.

Dr. Forbush has here and there interpreted the words of the Gospel story in a way that will seem strange to older readers but on second thought they will find, we think, in nearly every instance that he has been true to their spirit and context and has gained vividness by his method of handling. The test of the story comes with the days of our Lord's Passion and here the author's sympathy and sense of values have kept him true to the high ideal of reverence which characterizes the whole work. We commend the book both for the reading of children and for the fresh impressions which it will be sure to afford to all receptive minds.

[*The Boys' Life of Christ*, by William Byron Forbush.
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