

# Our Book Table

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**IF I WERE A BOY.** By Lucy Elliot Keeler. Pp. 192. New York and Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company. \$1.00. (Baptist Book Concern, Louisville.)

Truly, we feel that the author who wrote this book—"If I were a Boy"—was inspired with wisdom, tact, and gift of expression. The beautiful dedication strikes you at the outset—"To a boy I never knew, my father, whose manhood and ripe age taught me what I would like to be—If I were a Boy." And then she gives every boy this high standard for his boyhood life: "I would be more of a chum for my father, coming into touch with his business and his sports and his hobbies; more of a confidant and knight for my mother and sisters; more of a jolly chap to my older brothers, and more of a beau ideal for the little fellows." Every chapter and every page is full of good, sound, common sense, and there is not a dull page in the book. It is entertaining, full of incident, of heroes, of illustration from some noble life; has something to say of a boy's friends and associates, of his manners, how to talk, etc. The chapter on The Mistake of Muddy Talk is summed up in this: "Hear no unclean story so long as you have heels to turn up, or hands to cover your ears. Think none; speak none; and keep about you an unsullied atmosphere in which the best of hearts can grow." This and "If I Were a Girl Again," by the same author, are books that should be placed in every home library. They are good for the young people and for the older ones too.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AMONG THE TOP-KNOTS,** or Life in Korea. By L. H. Underwood, M. D. With Introduction by Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Pp. 354. New York: American Tract Society. \$1.50.

The many changes and events that have transpired in the little kingdom of Korea in the last few years have called forth this new revised and enlarged edition of a book that has been called "a Thesaurus of things one wishes to know of the land and people of Korea." It is a charming book, and with its record brought down to the present day its value is doubled. The new chapters give a historical review of the political movements, the influence of Japan, and the coming of Western civilization, as seen in the development of railroads and the enlargement of educational facilities. The wonderful progress of mission work is shown in the establishment of medical missions, of schools for girls, and the development of Christian heroes among the natives. And the last chapter describes the great spiritual awakening which has swept over the land in pentecostal power. This outpouring of the Spirit was in answer to the importunate prayer in faith of the missionaries, and also of the native Christians; and oh, how the promise was fulfilled—"Ask and ye shall receive." But one must read this wonderful story of the great awakening that came in answer to the prayers of the faithful if they would have their hearts thrilled with inspiration and wonder. A book like this will stimulate and strengthen the missionary spirit, and it should be in every missionary library.

**BISHOP HANNINGTON** and the Story of the Uganda Mission. Prepared by W. Grinton Berry, M. A. Pp. 208. New York and Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Company. \$1.00. (Baptist Book Concern, Louisville.)

The story of Bishop Hannington's life is one of the most interesting in missionary annals. While his name is always associated with Uganda, yet we learn here that oddly enough he never entered the country for which he laid down his life. His first appointment as a missionary to that his chosen field of foreign labor, was in 1882, but after terrible experiences in the journey to reach Uganda, his illness was such that he had to return to England. Again in 1884, after earnest entreaties, he was allowed to undertake the work, but was sent as a bishop to have charge of the whole mission field. As a young man he is described as a fighting, chivalrous, knightly Christian, fearless and courageous, and these same characteristics made him a leader in the jungle and the deserts of Africa. His very presence would often quiet a mad mob. But it did not serve him always, for he was finally killed when not many days distant from the country he had dreamed to enter. Much of his journeyings, with his thrilling experiences, are told from his letters. The stimulating interest and encouragement come in the story of the Uganda mission in the years since this noble Christian martyr laid down his life. Sixty thousand persons have been converted and baptized, and the latest report is of the baptism of the murderer's son by the son of the murdered man!