

A book ably dealing with the principles of Christian morality is "The Christian Life."* Consid-

ering first the natural life of man, and showing how all his higher moral development is hampered by the conditions resulting from sin, it passes on to the consideration of the Christian life, and in an inspiring manner presents it not as it is casually manifested by its professors, but as it would appear in its ideal state.—The names applied to Christ in the prophecy of His coming, Isaiah ix., 6,—“He shall be called the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace,” are those meant in the title, “Holy Names.”† The object of the book, tender and reverent in its spirit, and reflecting the peace and brightness of the Divine Life, is to point out the sequence of ideas conveyed by these names, as it was unfolded to mankind after the coming of the Savior, and as it is unfolded in the experience of every one who accepts as his own the Redeemer of the world.—A book full of hopeful words and of earnest thoughts which provoke to high purposes for earnest Christian living is Dr. Miller’s “Making the Most of Life.”‡—Three booklets stimulating the professed followers of Christ to ask themselves close personal questions regarding their life and example, and directing them to the light of the plain teachings of the Bible for positive answers are “Do We Believe It?” “Expectation Corner,” and “Conflicting Duties.”§ The two latter are in the form of stories.—A cursory study of the unseen powers which it is claimed manifest themselves in the occult arts, necromancy, magic, etc., is made by Dr. Matson in “The Adversary.”¶ Beginning with Bible history the workings of Satan and his evil angels are passed in review. All supernatural forces which from their nature cannot be attributed to the Divine Ruler of the universe, are referred to the influence of “the prince of the power of the air.” The teaching of the book is all summed up in the direction, “Try the spirits whether they be of God.”—A book advancing views which cross the trend of orthodox thought in many

particulars is “A Chicago Bible Class,”* It is dominated by a spirit of earnest inquiry into the realms of truth. The conclusions reached present the Bible largely as a book of imagery intended to convey spiritual teaching.

* The Christian Life. By C. F. Paulus, D.D. Translated from the German by F. W. Schneider, A.M. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Price, \$1.50.

† Holy Names. By the Rev. Julian K. Smyth. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

‡ Making the Most of Life. By J. R. Miller, D.D. Price, \$1.00 § Do We Believe It? Expectation Corner. Conflicting Duties. By E. S. Elliott. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

¶ The Adversary. By William A. Matson, D.D. New York: Wilbur B. Ketcham. Price, \$1.25.