

"The Teachings of Jesus Concerning the Holy Spirit." By Louis Burton Crane, A.M. Price, 75 cents. American Tract Society. New York.

This is one of a series of volumes on the "Teachings of Jesus," edited by John H. Kerr, D.D. With the indices it contains thirteen chapters, the whole written in a plain, simple style devoid of special literary ornament, but marked by an earnest piety which is helpful and refreshing. The author takes for granted that the Scripture is inspired and that we have an authentic account of the teachings of Jesus. The question then is: "What did Christ teach concerning the Holy Ghost?" In the Old Testament the Spirit was revealed in His cosmic, in His theocratic, and in His individual relations. Not until the death of Christ could Jesus give the full revelation of the Spirit. The Spirit transforms in the new birth, and is, in the present dispensation, God's chief gift to men. The sin against the Holy Ghost is a sin against the redemptive purpose of God. The Holy Spirit is a distinct person, and the trinity of the Godhead, as found in the baptismal formula and in the great commission, is made a symbol for admission to the Kingdom and a pledge of future victory. We take pleasure in commending this book to all students of the teachings of our divine Master.

"The Book of Daniel Unlocked." By W. S. Auchincloss, C.E. Introduction by A. H. Sayce, LL.D., Queen's College, Oxford, England. D. Van Nostrand Co. New York.

The Book of Daniel is a fascinating book to many, both because of its mysteries and its revelations. Mr. Auchincloss approaches its study in a reverent spirit, and his work obtains the commendation of so eminent a scholar as Professor A. H. Sayce. He takes the sidereal year as the basis of his calculations—a year which Laplace and Herschel tell us has not varied the one-hundredth part of a second of time in the last 2,000 years. Mr. Auchincloss believes that he

has conclusively shown that the Book of Daniel has stood the severe test of the application of this rule. Other novelties will be found in the book—not the least among them being the fact that the prophecies of Daniel are made to end with the beginning of the history of the Christian Church, instead of lengthening out into a still unknown future. This, according to Professor Sayce, is a great advance on previous interpreters. The book is beautifully printed in colors, with black for the text and red for the comments. It will be read with interest by all Bible students. A pocket chart of the Book of Daniel adds to its value.

"Life of Father Taylor, the Sailor Preacher." The Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society, Boston.

Father Taylor was one of those unique characters of whom too much, it seems, can never be written, as his personality has fresh interest for each generation. This volume, which is to some extent a reprint of tributes to Father Taylor, the inimitable, irrepressible preacher to seamen, is a thoroughly live book, and is breezy with the ozone of the Atlantic zephyrs and storms. The contributors include men as different as Dr. C. A. Bartel, the Rev. Gilbert Haven (afterwards a Methodist bishop) and Walt Whitman. Father Taylor's preaching was a law unto itself. He could move men at his will to laughter or to tears. He hated shams, and loved all humble souls that were feeling their way to God. This book is full of quotable anecdotes of the sailor preacher and, better yet, constitutes a strong appeal to all Christian preachers and teachers to do their best, according to their natural powers and the gifts of grace, to present searching gospel truths tellingly and boldly to their fellow-men.

"The United States in the Twentieth Century." By Pierre Leroy Beaulieu. Authorized translation by H. Addington Bruce. \$2.00 net. Funk & Wagnalls Co. New York and London.

As an Englishman, Mr. Bryce was the author of the most noteworthy book on the American Commonwealth, so it is another foreigner, a Frenchman, who has given us the most exhaustive work con-

cerning the social, economic and political resources of this country which has appeared thus far in the present century. It is a truly remarkable book, showing not only knowledge but also a close sympathy with American conditions. The book treats of the origin and characteristics of the American people, their composition, including an able discussion of the race question; it treats also of the rural, industrial and commercial interests of this country, each section abounding in statistics and information which is not in easy reach of the average person. As a compendium of useful information alone it is of great value, and when to this is added the author's remarkable summary and keen analysis of existing conditions, we have a book of great interest and profit to every reader.

"The Blue Flag or the Covenanters Who Contended for 'Christ's Crown and Covenant,'" by Robert Pollock Kerr, D.D. 75 cents net. The Presbyterian Committee of Publication.

This is a fresh and interesting book, giving a stirring and stimulating account of the origin and history of the Covenanters, written in popular style, and with a direct appeal to the consciences and hearts of its readers to surrender themselves to a like hearty allegiance to the Master. Every Presbyterian should read this book, and all others might read it with spiritual profit. The cover is adorned with a representation in colors of the "Blue Flag" of the Covenant. A book of this morally tonic quality is much needed in this age, when so many take superficial views of Christian doctrine and pursue easy-going paths of self-indulgent living.

"Deerfoot on the Prairies." By Edward S. Ellis. Illustrated in color and black by J. Steeple Davis. Price, \$1.00. The John C. Winston Co. Philadelphia.

Mr. Ellis is well known as a writer of bright and attractive books for young people. This is the second volume of the New Deerfoot Series, in which Mr. Ellis brings back to life, for the delight of the boys, the wonderful Indian hunter. In this story a long and dangerous voyage is made from the Ohio to the Pacific coast. Deerfoot's courage and resourcefulness bring the party through all the dangers that beset them, and some of his feats are very astonishing. The scene of the story is laid in the far past, when every species of wild beast and of Indian menaced the path of the adventurous explorer. The illustrations lend an added charm to the tale.

"The Westminster Teacher Training Course." Edited by J. R. Miller, D.D. Second year. The Westminster Press. Philadelphia.

A useful little book, prepared for the training of young people for the work of teaching, giving them some acquaintance with the more important matters of Christian knowledge, and so fitting them to become better workers in the cause of Christ. The book is intended not to take the place of Bible study in the Sunday-school, but to supplement it. Private reading is assumed in connection with the outline course here given. It is a needed contribution to the growing literature of Sunday-school pedagogics.

"Thoughts of the Spiritual." By the Rev. Arthur Chambers, Associate of Kings College, London; Vicar of Brockenhurst, Hants. Price, \$1.00 net. Geo. W. Jacobs & Co. Philadelphia.

This volume, now brought out in an American edition, is the outcome of a very large correspondence carried on by Mr.

Chambers with thoughtful and earnest readers of his two books, "Our Life After Death" and "Man and the Spiritual World." These correspondents asked many important questions, and in this book Mr. Chambers attempts to offer some sufficient answer to their queries.

"A Martineau Year Book. Extracts from Sermons." By James Martineau, LL.D., D.D., D.C.L., S.T.D., Litt.D. Selected and arranged by Fanny Louise Weaver. 75 cents and \$1.00. The James H. West Co. Boston.

A Unitarian in theology, a logician and philosopher in mentality, and a saint in spirituality, Martineau has written a thousand things helpful to every earnest child of God. This book contains extracts, chiefly from his contemplative, devotional and ethical pages, for each day of the year. The controversial element has wisely been excluded.

"Terence O'Rourke, Gentleman Adventurer." By Louis Joseph Vance, author of "Milady of the Mercenaries," "The Private War," etc. Price, \$1.50. A. Wessels Co. New York.

A thrilling tale, republished from the columns of "The Popular Magazine," in which it first appeared serially in two different parts and under two different titles, describing many adventures in the variegated career of an Irish gentleman of somewhat wild ways and manners.

"Religion and Politics." By Algernon Sidney Crapsey. \$1.25 net. Thomas Whittaker.

It is an historical study of the relations of Church and State, with applications to our time and country. The chapters were delivered as lecture sermons to the author's parish in Rochester. They are easy reading, for the style is admirably clear and pleasing, but not easy digesting, because every page provokes thought, suggests questions, compels decisions of moral importance.

"Facts and Fancies for the Curious." By Charles C. Bombaugh, A.M., M.D. \$3.00 net. J. B. Lippincott Co.

This rather remarkable collection of bits of useful information and literary oddities is intended for the multitude rather than for the scholar. It is a patchwork of fragments, lively, interesting, instructive, amusing by turns. It is chock-full of bright bits and useful points.

"Eugene: A Romance of the Civil War." By N. Dunton Sparrow. 75 cents.

This is a simple and flowing poem, narrating the experience of a Northern young man in the war, and after it, especially in connection with "Eugene," his Southern enemy and friend. Eugene's sister must not be omitted. There are a number of pretty photographic illustrations.

"The Spirit Mother and Other Poems." By Miriam Sheffey. Broadway Publishing Co., New York.

Eleven short, tender poems, the second of which, "Sleeping," appeared originally in The Observer. The little book is deli-

cately made in white and silver; a pretty present.

"Is Life Worth Living." By Frederick Lynch. 30 cents. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. The answer to this question is the message of this little book; and it is inspired by hope and promise.