

Simples from the Master's Garden.

Annie Trumbull Slossom. The Sunday School Times Company. Price, \$1.00 net.

In the opening chapter of this charming little book the author enlists our interest and sympathy by the touching picture of "The Master's Garden", and this interest is maintained undiminished through the five succeeding chapters. Each chapter gives us a delightful glimpse into the life of one of the humbler little flowers found in this garden of rare beauty and simplicity.

The material, style and characters are all original and striking, interesting alike to the children and the older ones.

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Evangelism in the Pew.

By J. C. Masee. The Winona Publishing Co., Chicago, 1907. Pages 177.

A vision of two chief needs in the churches has moved the author to send forth this book: First, more pastors consumed with evangelistic zeal, and, second, more churches inflamed with a kindred spirit, and likewise committed to the great work of the Kingdom, whose chief business is the making of disciples to Jesus Christ. To awaken and inspire men and women toward this service is its only mission. The author hopes it may be used as a class book of study in young people's societies, personal workers' classes, and in the study of many pastors.

Gradually, he says, the holy enthusiasm that was the supreme passion of Jesus and his immediate followers burned itself out as an untended fire. "There is fire still in the embers, but the embers have fallen apart." "It has been eighteen centuries since the church was dominated by the supreme passion of Jesus." "There is a smoldering warmth in the creed; but there is no holy flame leaping and lighting and heating the life of the church." "The church has fallen upon a season of Laodicean Coldness." "There needs to be created again the consciousness of the earnestness of Lord Jesus in his search for souls. "There needs also to be restored the consciousness of the partnership of his people in this consuming zeal of the

Master." "For the most part the church resents the great commission." "A small, though a growing number, are taking up this most fascinating work God ever had to give to men." These quotations will give the reader the author's point of view and purpose, and reveal to him also the spirit in which the high task is pursued. The book is another earnest contribution to a subject that is everywhere today commanding attention and awakening thought.

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