

The Road of Life. A Study of Pilgrim's Journey as far as Vanity Fair. By John Kelman, D.D. Hodder & Stoughton. New York. \$1.25 net.

Pilgrim's Progress has a fadeless charm, because it is "one of the everlasting books" dealing with the essential qualities of human nature and Christian experience. Its perusal delights the child and cheers the saint; its study informs the psychologist and interests the theologian. So, too, both the sociologist and philologist find it a rich mine for their labors.

The rather common-place title does scant justice to the scholarship, insight and virility of the author's treatment of the immortal allegory. *The Road of Life* is a literary and psychological commentary on *Pilgrim's Progress*, and is the first of two volumes proposed by the author. The first volume is a valuable contribution to the psychology of Christian experience and creates interested anticipations for the appearance of the second volume.

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Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Lessons. 1913. W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, U. S. A. \$1.00.

The Sunday School world gladly welcome the thirty-ninth annual volume of *Select Notes* by F. N. Peloubet and Amos R. Wells, whose scholarship and experience give them admirable equipment for their noble task. The portion of Scripture covered by this volume is Genesis to Joshua.

The plan of the Notes is practical rather than critical, yet the best scholarship of our day is brought into service.

There are many excellent maps and illustrative drawings, while the chronology of the Old Testament is valuable for reference. The bibliography is extensive and well-chosen. The exegesis is sane and the suggestions are helpful.

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The Life of Dr. J. R. Miller. By John T. Faris. Hodder & Stoughton. New York. \$1.00 net.

Good biographies are a very healthy and stimulating kind of literature. When the subject is such a simple and vigorous writer, and such a modest and useful man as Dr. J. R. Miller was, the author's task is made easy and the reader's privilege a delight. Dr. Miller (1840-1912) was the second of a family of ten children, and his father a useful Presbyterian minister. His college and seminary training, coupled with his experiences in the U. S. Christian Commission, prepared him well for the exacting and diversified labors of pastor, editor and author.

During the thirty-nine years of his three Philadelphia pastorates, more than five thousand persons united with the Presbyterian Church. Perhaps more than any other one man he led in the magnificent development of the numerous periodicals issued by the Presbyterian Sunday School Board. Especially are the *Westminster Teacher* and *Forward* (a rival of *Youth's Companion*) tributes to his ability and skill.

He was a prolific writer for current periodicals, and remarkable for his simple and transparent style.

He was the author of more than three score books, chiefly of a devotional type. Many of the volumes have been translated into several languages.

One of his sayings was seized by his biographer as descriptive of the spirit and life of Dr. Miller: "Jesus and I are friends." Perhaps that is why Dr. Miller was such a friend to man. Thousands are leading better lives because he lived and wrote.

B. H. DEMENT.

The Presence. By James M. Campbell, D.D. Eaton & Mains, New York: Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, O.

The divine Presence in human experience is the reality of realities. The Presence in nature is real, but veiled. In the Old Testament it is limited and localized, mediated by elect souls, or even by angels. It became the supreme reality for experience in the Incarnation. This is the Presence visualized and personalized. The Presence becomes spiritualized in the risen Christ and universalized in the Holy Spirit. The New Testament doctrine of the Presence is outlined. The Parousia means not the visible