

of a true idea of praying. The seventy accounts are grouped under ten topical headings and so readily to be used for the needed help.

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The Golden Censer. Florence L. Barclay, Author of "The Rosary." George H. Doran Company, New York, 1914. 61 pp. 50c net.

This is a discussion of intercessory prayer for the heathen and for the salvation of personal friends, with the view to showing that such prayer is useless and ill-advised when it contemplates the blessing and saving of men by direct Divine intervention. The author assumes that such prayer involves the conversion of the heathen without the Gospel or other means and the conversion of sinners against their will. One thinks that few Christians pray in any such way. The author also overlooks the secondary means and influences which God employs and which the prayer contemplates. Strangely enough she seems to allow God to work on Christians without their will. The purpose of the book is good but its points are not all well stated and will lead to confusion in many readers.

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The Problems of Boyhood: A Course in Ethics for Boys of High-School Age. By Franklin Winslow Johnson, Principal of the University High School. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1914. xxv+130 pp. 50c.

This volume belongs to the "Ethical Group" of "Constructive Studies" in "The University of Chicago Publications in Religious Education." It is a very fine work for its purpose. The range of topics is satisfactory and their frank, clear, straightforward handling is manly, clean and suited to instruct and inspire the boy. One could wish that the religious motive had been played upon more freely. It seems to be avoided where it would normally be expected, especially in a series on "Religious Education." Boys do not want to be "preached at" but they will feel wronged if their deepest motive is ignored as

they must feel has been done in some of the chapters of this work. The chapter dealing with the boy's religion is very modern but ignores wholly some vital factors in religion and is more ethical and social than strictly religious.

The book is for teachers and teaching rather than for reading by the boy, and as such is very desirable for guiding the instructor in this most important line of instruction.

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Practical Evangelism. By William H. Burgwin. The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati. 191 pp. 50c net.

The author of this stimulating and inspiring little volume is a master workman, whose heart is greatly in the preacher's supreme task of winning souls. There are seven illuminating and helpful chapters, and an appendix, which is very suggestive and helpful on "Some Plans for Practical Evangelism." The titles of the chapters are as follows: Twice-Born Men; The Personal Touch; The Textbook; The Keynote; The Force; The Field; The Campaign. The author brings out very strongly what we sometimes forget,—that the church is not so much the pastor's "field" as his "force," to be used by him as a commander in the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In his discussion of the field, the author very properly lays strong emphasis upon the Sunday School as a field of Evangelism. He declares that eighty per cent. of additions to the churches come from the Sunday School, and yet that only from ten to twenty per cent of Sunday School pupils are being reached by the churches,—which, if true, is an alarming situation.

No pastor or layman who desires to be more effective in the supreme work of soul-winning, can read this little volume without having his zeal quickened, and his activities further aroused in the work of winning men to Christ.

P. T. HALE.

Twenty Years at Hull House. By Jane Addams. Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, New York. 460 pp. \$1.50.