

**Practical Studies in the Fourth Gospel.** By Warren A. Candler, D.D., LL.D. Publishing House of Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tenn. Vol. II. 1913. 376 pp. \$1.00.

Bishop Candler here completes his popular and helpful expository discourses on the Gospel of John.

**The Twelve-Gemmed Crown; Christ in Hebrews.** By Samuel Judson Porter. Sherman, French & Co., Boston, 1913. 155 pp. \$1.20 net.

The author is well known to Southern Baptists and is pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. These six addresses have been delivered at summer assemblies and are pleasing and winning in style. They exalt Christ as Lord and Savior of men.

#### VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

**The Life of Florence Nightingale.** By Sir Edward Cook. In two volumes. Vol. I (1820-1861), xxxi+507 pp.; Vol. II (1862-1910), xiv+510 pp. London (and New York), 1913; Macmillan & Co. \$7.50 net.

If any one who labored, planned and succeeded in the uplift of humanity during the wonderful nineteenth century deserves the tribute of so full a biography as this, surely Florence Nightingale is rightly accorded that honor. It is not that she lived for ninety years that so much space is required to tell of her living. It is that she lived a life so rich in varied blessing, and so full of instruction whereby the world may profit. Her life and that of Queen Victoria were closely parallel in years and the two names deserve to be linked together in memory and in history. They were very different but they sought the same ends. Their service was different but both gave great impetus to the best progress of humanity. Miss Nightingale was the freer of the two to work out her ideals and her destiny, was free to cultivate and express the larger sympathy. The Queen served her nation and the world indirectly. The Philanthropist served the whole of humanity and did it more directly than was possible to the Queen.

The three things we need to know if we are to profit by a life

is its personality, its ideals and its work. These Sir Edward has given us in delightfully clear English, with a gratifying combination of enthusiasm and objectivity. The materials were abundant, bewilderingly so but for the patience with which the author was willing to study, sift and master them. The result is a great account of one of the most significant women of history. One of the finest features of the work is its revelation of the birth, the growth and the independence of a great personality cherishing ideals that were not expected or approved in the current conception of womanhood.

In it all there is inevitably the history of some of the finest movements of the humanizing of life in these last fifty years. The insights of Miss Nightingale were often prophetic, her capacity for doing things and getting things done was truly wonderful. Compelled at every point to run counter to the ideas most common in her time, she had the gift of independent thought and action without asperity, or personal antagonism. Withal there was a fine moderation that held her back from extremes of reaction against what she regarded as error or wrong. By loyalty to a great and worthy ideal she was able through renunciation and courage to achieve greatly in an objective way and to build a great life.

Her religious views are most interesting. Associated personally with Mill, "George Eliot" and that school she held to God and ethics while she reached strongly against the orthodox theology. She was wonderfully independent.

Without being explicitly set out by the biographer the limitations of even so great a life will also appear to the careful reader. All in all I am persuaded that we have here one of the most worthy biographies.

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**My Life with the Eskimo.** By Vilhjalmur Stefansson. Illustrated. New York, 1913: The Macmillan Co. Octavo. xi+538 pp. \$4.00 net.

Four years in Arctic lands with the primary purpose of studying the people, discovering some tribe not previously known, undergoing the varied experiences of travel, hunting,