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Our Share in China

BY REV. G. J. BOND.

The new Text-book for Mission Study and Epworth League Missionary Meetings.

ONE of the greatest missionary opportunities of to-day is China. Our responsibility as Canadian Methodists, in that land of 437,000,000 is 10,000,000. If we are to win China for Christ, we must put forth every effort now. Our study for this autumn in study classes and for the League during 1910 will be our own great mission field in the Province of Szechwan, China. We are thankful to announce that as a result of the visit of the Rev. G. J. Bond we have the new textbook, "Our Share in China." We are able to give only two of the many testimonials we have received regarding it.

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"For some years books on China from the missionary's point of view have been neither few nor far between, and these have varied much in their character. Some are historical, some philosophical, some descriptive and some biographical, while others combine various features in the same volume. In some respects Mr. Bond's book is unique. It is sufficiently descriptive to give a general view of conditions in the Chinese Empire, but the light is focussed chiefly on the province of Szechwan and our distinct missionary responsibility therein. The style is lucid, the spirit is thoroughly evangelistic, and Mr. Bond writes as one who is deeply convinced of the sufficiency of the Gospel to meet the spiritual needs of the Chinese people. Those who desire to know the present situation in West China and the splendid opportunity that is opening before the Church cannot do better than procure this volume and study it carefully and with prayer."

REV. E. W. MORGAN, B.A., Missionary, West China:

"'Our Share in China,' from the pen of Rev. Geo. J. Bond, packed full as it is of up-to-date facts regarding the present-day situation, the needs, and the opportunities in our mission field, and bringing to the Church as it does a ringing call to stand true to Christ and to China in these days of crisis, is the book of the hour—it is a book for the busy pastor, the busy professional man, the busy business man, the busy boys and girls in our Methodist homes who want something fresh and fascinating to read—Mr. Bond has rendered an invaluable service to our Church and to the cause of Christ in West China by the production of this book."

Strangers Within Our Gates

A Study of the New Comers to Canada,

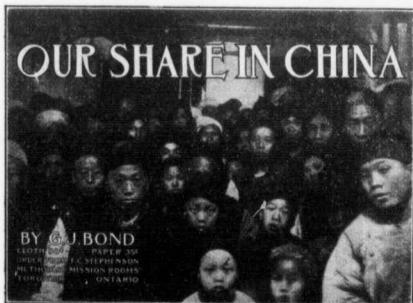
IT is probably safe to say that none except a conquered people has ever received within the same time so vast a proportion of strangers as Canada during the last five years. If Europe continues to overflow at the same rate into the Dominion, the danger becomes acute that Canadians may become virtually a conquered people, peacefully but practically subjugated in the profound modification of the Canadian character and institutions.

We are stewards of the vast unoccupied opportunities of this land. We cannot deny access to any strangers who are willing and able to lawfully support themselves and who do not bring in an assimilable element.

But the task of assimilating so vast a foreign immigration is the greatest any free country has ever had to undertake, and calls for wide knowledge, deep sympathy and steadfast loyalty to our institutions.

No Canadian who desires to play his part in this work can worthily afford to neglect Mr. Woodsworth's study. He will find it is an analysis of the various nationalities of this tidal wave of immigration—British, American, Scandinavian, German, Dutch, Polish, Ruthenian, Pole, Hebrew, Italian, Syrian, Oriental and many others; sympathetic studies of the characters and hopes and ambitions of these newcomers; wise and urgent suggestions as to methods of helping them to a worthy citizenship in the land whose freedom and wealth has lured them across the sea. The vivid descriptions of these varied peoples are enriched with statistics of great value that are not readily accessible to the public, and illuminated with numerous and well-chosen illustrations. Most of them are from photographs. They add to the vividness with which one is impressed by the fact that the old Canada, wherein Quebec was French and all the rest English, has given place to a new Canada, wherein we have a sample of most of the civilized or half-civilized races of the world.

The book is not simply descriptive. As we might expect from the author, who is in charge of an energetic mission to foreigners in the city of Winnipeg, it discusses the problems that arise from the situation it describes. Its chapters on "The Effects of Immigration," "Assimilation," and "A Challenge to the Church," are wise discussions of the patriotic and religious duties of Canadians. We find there a record of what has been already accomplished, and of the lines upon which greater successes will most likely be won. With most of his conclusions every earnest person will agree. With all of them most Christian people will agree. The book is now in its second edition, and is very popular for study class and Epworth League use.



On all other matters concerning your League write the General Secretary, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. He will gladly counsel with you about your plans and methods of work.