

## THE BOOK PAGE

**Geography and Atlas of Protestant Missions.** By Harlan P. Beach, M.A., F.R.G.S. Student Volunteer Movement, New York. Vol. I. 371; and Vol. II. 54 pages (large) and 18 maps; price (two vols.), cloth, \$4.00; paper, \$3.00.

The student of missions will use Mr. Beach's two fine volumes with ever-increasing profit and delight. A more valuable aid to those seeking accurate and up-to-date information regarding the progress of modern missionary enterprise could scarcely be imagined. The title of Vol. I, Geography, must be taken generously. It contains descriptions and historical sketches of missionary lands and their peoples, and an account of the operations of the various missionary organizations. The clear arrangement and attractive style make the reading of it a real pleasure. With great skill, outstanding facts are presented in some fulness of detail, while the minute particulars about societies and their work are relegated to the statistical tables of the second volume. This is the Atlas, and in it are found fifty-four pages of official and dated statistics, an entirely new feature being the Station Index, in which one can see at a glance where the various mission stations throughout the world are situated, the society or societies represented in a given place, the character of the missionary force, foreign and native, and the different forms of work carried on. Too much can hardly be said in praise of the maps. These are large and full plates

prepared in the Edinburgh Geographical Establishment under the supervision of John Bartholomew, F.R.G.S. They form an atlas of the world sufficient for all ordinary purposes, while mission stations are clearly marked in red. The arrangement by which the Geography and Atlas are given in different volumes, along with the very complete and yet simple system of indexing, make it very easy to refer from one part of the work to another. Altogether, these two volumes are all but indispensable to those who wish to be well-informed on missionary subjects.

**The Religion of a Mature Mind.** By George Albert Coe, Ph.D. F. H. Revell Company, Toronto. 442 pages; \$1.25 net.

It is assumed by the writer of this book that, corresponding to the present day changes in theological opinion, a transformation is taking place in the life of the church, as expressed in its "modes of feeling, of expression, of propagandism, and of daily conduct." The title indicates the analogy between the practical religion prevailing in the church of to-day, and that of a young man who has felt the pressure of modern intellectual movements and tendencies. Dr. Coe's purpose is to trace, along its various lines, the religious development, which he believes to be in progress, and to suggest such a restatement of the church's doctrines as will bring them into accord with the church's practice. For example, in the prayer life of Christians, the element of communion with God, he holds, now occupies so large a place, as compared with petitions for special blessings, that a doc-

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