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Constantinople and its Problems. By Henry Otis Dwight, LL.D. Fleming H. Reyell Company, Toronto, 298 pages, index and illustrations, price \$1.25.

A really strong book, by one who from well-nigh life-long residence in this famous meeting-place of Eastern and Western civilization, has had exceptional opportunities of observing at first hand. In his method of illustrating his positions by actual instances and in a certain quaint humor. Dr. Dwight recalls Arthur H. Smith in his "Chinese Characteristics." There is not a dull line. Mahometanism, in its beliefs, and practices, in its "Woman question" and its inperturbable inertia in this bustling age, is fully treated; as well as the Eastern Church and its outlook. An unusually interesting chapter is that on Schools and School Teachers. The student of missions will find profitable the discussion of the accessibility of the Mohametan to the Gospel. Beyond all other peoples their eyes are closed to Gospel light. This significant sentence is worth pondering elsewhere than in Mahometan countries: "The whole secret of gaining the respect and approval of Mahometans for Christianity is contained in one phrase,-Study their Character." Christian character, known through experience, will actually do what controversy cannot, what argument is

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The Outcasts. By W. A. Fraser; illustrated by Arthur Heming. William Briggs, Toronto, 138 pages, net, \$1.25.

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