

THE BOOK PAGE

Wheat and Woman, by Georgina Binnie-Clark (Bell & Coekburn, Toronto, 413 pages, illustrated, \$1.50), is the story of the actual experience of an English woman in farming in the Canadian West. Miss Binnie-Clark, who is a well known English journalist, came to Canada in 1905, and bought a farm in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Her book, as she says herself, is "The story of an individual working out an experiment with very little knowledge and insufficient capital."—the experiment being to see if a woman could farm successfully in Canada. Miss Binnie-Clark's conclusion is that she can, provided she has health and indomitableness and does not depend on wheat alone, but stocks up with as many chickens, pigs and cattle as she can afford. Market gardening near cities is also recommended. Miss Binnie-Clark feels strongly that homesteads should be granted to women on equal terms with men. She writes with vividness and pungency, and conceals none of the hard things in the experience of new work in a new country, but her descriptions of the outdoor beauty of Canada are among the most exquisite things yet written on the subject.

The speeches included in the volume of **Canadian Addresses**, by The Hon. George E. Foster, Edited by Arnold Winterbotham (Bell & Coekburn, Toronto, Herbert Jenkins, London, 324 pages, \$1.50), were delivered before a variety of audiences,—political clubs, the House of Commons and a convention of Baptist Young People; but, as the title indicates, they all discuss subjects connected with Canada and of special interest to Canadians. Those who have listened to Mr. Foster, know his power of lucid statement and happy illustration, with which he lights up every topic with which he deals, and these qualities of style are fully manifested in the addresses before us. The reader who begins this volume, will not readily lay it aside until he has reached its closing page.

The scene of Stanley Washburn's new story, **Two in the Wilderness** (The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, 320 pages, \$1.25 net), is laid in the region of eastern British Columbia and western Alberta, so recently opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A young man, after a dispute with his father, a wealthy business man, sets out to make his way for himself in that great, new country. The story picks him up at the end of seven years' wandering when, through a fortunate discovery of gold, fortune is in sight. Just at this juncture he happens on the camp of two women, the elder a famous English novelist and the other the spoiled daughter of a luxurious home, making their way to the nearest point where medical help may be obtained for the elder woman, who has been taken dangerously ill. Her death and the drowning of the men belonging to the camp leaves the "two" alone in the wilds. The tale of their adventures on the way out, and of the way in which love springs up between the petted heiress and the one whom she at first regards with a sort of supercilious toleration, is exceedingly well told.

Glory of the Pines (The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 245 pages, \$1.25 net), is the sweet love story of a charming, but reckless girl, who had gone far, far astray, and of a saloon-keeper, who, through the preaching and influence of a young sky-pilot, "chucked"

his saloon business, and turned his drinking and gambling hotel into a meeting place for the lumberjacks, and the men of the lumber village in which the scene of the story is laid. The author, William Chalmers Covert, writes the story out of his experiences as a frontier missionary in the Michigan woods. The picture he gives of the wild, rough lives of the shanty and mill men, and of the orgies of bar and den of infamy are vivid; and not less so the descriptions of the miracles of grace wrought by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Unto Cæsar, by Baroness Orczy (Hodder and Stoughton, London and Toronto, 331 pages, \$1.25), is a tale of Rome in the days of Caligula. The hero is Taurus Antinor, prefect of the imperial city. He is a Christian, but is wholly loyal to the emperor whom he serves. And his loyalty is severely tested,—first by a band of treacherous nobles who try to persuade him into joining with them in a plot against the half mad despot; then by the attempt of the emperor himself to slay this true subject and faithful servant; and finally by Dea Flavia, the emperor's kinswoman, whom he loves more dearly than life but not so dearly as honor. Faithful he remains to his earthly sovereign for the sake of his heavenly kingdom, and is rewarded at last, when Flavia is won to the true faith, and they together serve the Nazarene. From Hodder and Stoughton comes also a popular edition of Harold Begbie's **The Day that Changed the World** (159 pages, 35c.).

New Testament Criticism: Its History and Results, is the title of a recent Baird Lecture by J. A. McClymont, D.D. (Hodder and Stoughton, London and Toronto, 363 pages, \$1.25). An introductory chapter tracing the history of criticism from the earliest period down to the discoveries of the Egyptian papyri in our own day, is followed by a discussion of the methods and results of textual criticism. The remainder of the book is occupied with a statement and examination of the views held by critics of all schools regarding the various New Testament books. Speaking generally, Dr. McClymont's is a conservative, but his conservatism is that of one ready to give a reason for the faith which he holds.

Christian Unity at Work is the title under which have been issued the Reports and Addresses given at the Quadrennial session of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, held in Chicago last December (The Federal Council of the Churches, New York, 299 pages, \$1.00 net). It is a volume which every one who feels concerned for the solving of the great problems of the nation and of the non-Christian world will like to have by him. The Federal Council has not got very far, as yet, in actually bringing about cooperation. But it is on the way, and the facts, some of them of the most appalling character, here brought out, will not only stimulate common federal action, but should make churches great and little, who ought to be organically one, and who yet stand apart in self-satisfied isolation, ashamed before God. Those facts, which are of interest and value to all Christian workers, concern the great missionary and social needs, the inadequacy of present endeavors, and the possibilities of success through closer cooperation.