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THE BOOK PAGE

MISSIONARY

A Canadian missionary biography of unusual interest is, **A Corn of Wheat**; or The Life of Rev. W. J. MacKenzie of Korea, by Elizabeth A. McCully; (Westminster Company, Toronto; 290 pages, illustrated, \$1.00 net). Standing close on six feet at 13, when he began to teach school near his home in Cape Breton, an athlete in his boyhood and at college, a man of giant strength always, MacKenzie was as strong in fervor and in purpose, as in body. A young home missionary, who had won his spurs on the bleak shores and amongst the ice floes of Labrador, he believed God had called him to Korea. The church did not feel able then to open a new mission. He was too much of a Canadian to go under a foreign church, as he might have done. He resolved to go on his own resources; and went. The story of his work at Sorai from February 3, 1894, when he arrived, till June 1895, when, in a raging fever, he died, is a marvellous tale of energy and fortitude and success. "The finest specimen of a missionary ever seen in Korea," Jas. S. Gale says of him. The fruits of his brief work—a revival in Sorai and all that district, and the stirring up of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to found a mission in Korea, are all, with much else that is interesting, told in Miss McCully's book. MacKenzie's life is to be taken as one of the Young Peoples' Topics this year, and this record of it ought to be in the hands of all our Sabbath school

scholars and teachers and of every Christian worker.

POPULAR SCIENCE

In the way of popularizing science, Rev. Joseph Hamilton has produced in **Our Own and Other Worlds** (\$1.00, Wm. Briggs, Toronto, 203 pages), a really charming volume on Astronomy. It is encouraging to be told that "the most wonderful things about the stars can be known just as well by those who are not astronomers as by those who are." To the unfolding of those wonders the writer proceeds with much literary skill, under such titles as A Universe of Light and Fire, Father Sun and His Family, Other Inhabited Worlds. The style is brisk and lively; there are nine full-page illustrations; and altogether the book is one which will be eagerly read. We commend it heartily.

PRACTICAL RELIGION

Here is a group of books dealing with some practical aspects of religion. We begin with three from the Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. They bring us to the very heart of things, the secret of power for Christian life and service. **Quiet Talks on Power**, by S. D. Gordon (75c. net), sets forth, in a very telling and effective fashion, the possibilities before the man who yields himself without reserve to the control and guidance of the divine Spirit. **Answers to Prayer** (50c. net) is a useful compilation by A. E. C. Brooks from the four volumes of George Muller, the founder of the famous Bristol Orphanages, entitled