

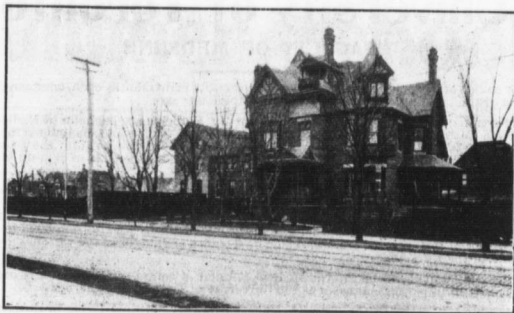
THE BOOK PAGE

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Volume III. of **The Expositor's Greek Testament** (Edited by W. Robertson Nicoll, LL.D., Hodder & Stoughton, London, England, 547 pages, \$5.00 net) is to hand. When it is said that it is worthy of the three preceding volumes, that is sufficient to make all students of the New Testament who know Greek eager to possess it. This monumental work (to be completed with Volume IV.) is taking the place held by Alford's Greek Testament for a generation. It contains the freshest results of New Testament study as to introduction, text, and historical and geographical research; and the commentary is rich meat, not bare bones. The present volume embraces 2 Corinthians (Dean Bernard), Galatians (Frederic Rendall), Ephesians (Principal Salmund), Philippians (H. A. A. Kennedy), Colossians (A. S. Peake). The concentration of study upon the Gospels these late years has thrown the Epistles unduly into the background. They are now rapidly regaining their former and rightful place. The Holy Spirit, promised to His disciples by the departing Christ, was to "receive of Mine, and shew it unto you." The Epistles are the record of this inspired development of the teachings of the Divine Master. Systematic theology takes large account of the Epistles, and a ministry that does not enrich itself from their stores lacks a chief element of power and stability.

Principal MacVicar has been fortunate in his biographer. His influence was due largely to a commanding personality. The son has understood the father, and in consequence we have in **The Life of Principal MacVicar**: By Rev. John H. MacVicar, B.A. (The Westminster Company, Toronto, 350 pages, \$1.25 net), a book of exceptional value. The material was abundant: Dr. MacVicar's seventy years were full and stirring years. The Argyleshire home; the emigration to what was then Upper Canadian wilds; the new life in the bush; the marked character of the father and of the mother; the eager brothers, Donald and Malcolm, determined to have an education; their college days; Donald's short ministry of thirteen months in Guelph, so conspicuously successful in reviving a feeble cause that the leading Free Church congregation of that time in Montreal called him as its minister; his eight years of work there; the founding of the Montreal Presbyterian College; his call to a Professorship,—the Professorship it was at first; how he gathered about him students, professors, buildings, during twenty-six laborious and fruitful years as Professor and Principal, with, all the time, increasing burdens of public work, until at last, seated in his chair, with an open note-book before him, waiting for the ringing of the bell to announce the lecture hour, he heard the summons from on high, and answered in a moment—these are all set forth explicitly, the shadow and the light in proper proportion, and with the intimate touch which only a member of his own household could give.

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