

pictures he describes their manner of dress, their salutations, the mental and moral qualities which they manifest, the language and the difficulties presented by it to the foreigners. He takes us with him to a street chapel and makes the whole service a living reality to us. He shows the carts in which the missionary travels and the inns in which he lodges. In one chapter there is a most interesting account of the persecution endured by a young man who had become a Christian, and whom the author afterwards met as a faithful and successful preacher of the gospel. The chapters dealing with the Boxer outbreak and the Russian occupancy of Manchuria are marked by thoughtfulness and good sense. Our readers may be reminded that the pioneer missionary to Manchuria was William C. Burns, whose visit to Canada in the forties some of the older generation will remember. It was by his death, after a seven months' residence in Newchang, that attention was directed to that portion of the unevangelized world.

**John Hall: Pastor and Preacher.** By Thos. C. Hall, D. D. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 341 pages, \$1.50.

We have here the story of one who began life as a poor boy in a humble Ulster home, and who became one of the most conspicuous figures in the pulpit, first of his native land and afterwards of America. In his preface the author says, "The filial relation forbids alike eulogium and critique." This limitation will be regretted by the reader who seeks in a biography, analysis of character and estimate of influ-

ence, but no one can read without profit the simple, straightforward account of a life, which had from beginning to close a single aim and that the high and noble one of being an ambassador for Christ. The most interesting chapters are the earlier ones which describe the boyhood days, the college life, and the work as a missionary in the West of Ireland. Ministers especially will find in this book inspiration to fidelity in their great work as preachers and pastors. The sorrows which darkened the latter days of one whose work had been so honored and successful, are touched upon with a delicacy and reserve which do credit alike to the heart and the head of the biographer. While this cannot be called a great book, it is one which will be read with interest, and will doubtless fulfil the aim of its writer, to prolong the influence of a life, which was for its generation so great a power for good.

### Books Received

(Some of which may be noticed more fully later.)

**African Wastes Reclaimed.** The Story of the Lovedale Mission. By Robert Young, F.R.S.G.S. London: J. M. Dent & Co. Pages 268, price, \$1.50.

**Studies in the Acts and Epistles.** By Edward I. Bosworth. New York: The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association. Pages 221, price, cloth 75c., paper 50c.

**The Principles of Jesus.** By Robert E. Speer. Fleming H. Revell Co. Pages 280, price 80c. net.

**Grandma Bright's Q. P's.** By S. O'H. Dickson. Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va. Pages 123, price, 50c.

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