

The Book Page

Two volumes have been added to Messrs. T. & T. Clark's (Edinburgh) International Theological Library (U.C. Tract Society, Toronto). Professor G. F. Moore, D.D., LL.D., of Harvard University, contributes the **History of Religions**, Vol. I. (637 pages, \$2.50 net), dealing with the religions of China, Japan, Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, India, Persia, Greece and Rome. A second volume will be devoted to Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedanism. In these days of growing interest in the beliefs and customs of heathen and pagan peoples, Dr. Moore's book should appeal to a wide circle of readers. It is marked, not only by scholarly fulness and accuracy, but also by a clear and interesting style. The volume on Theological Symbolics is by the late Professor Charles A. Briggs, D.D., LL.D., of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and was put in form for the printer and largely revised before the author's death (429 pages, same price). The term "symbol" was applied first to the Apostles' Creed, as the "sign, emblem, badge, or banner, about which Christians, as soldiers of the Faith, should rally," and was gradually extended to other ancient creeds. Dr. Briggs' book is, therefore, an account of the church's creeds, and falls into three parts; first, Fundamental Symbolics, including the creeds of the undivided churches; secondly, Particular Symbolics, that is the creeds of the separate churches, from the beginnings of the Latin Church down to modern times; and thirdly, Comparative Symbolics, under which the creeds of Christendom are laid side by side and their points of resemblance and difference considered.

The preacher and Sunday School teacher are always keen for sermon and lesson materials, for hints as to method and for apt illustrations. They will find a rich treasure house in two books just issued by T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh (U.C. Tract Society, Toronto). The first is a new volume of **The Great Texts of the Bible** (481 pages, \$3.00 net), covering Luke's Gospel. For the next two months all the International Lessons are from this Gospel, and a glance at the chapters dealing with the passages included in these Lessons discovers a veritable mine of helpful information and suggestion. The other book is the first volume of **The Greater Men and Women of the Bible** (517 pages, \$2.50), the period embraced being from Adam to Joseph. Like **The Great Texts**, this new series is edited by Dr. James Hastings, whose aim is to help in making "the preaching of the present day accurate and attractive." The most recent results of the best scholarship are here gathered together for the preacher in such a form as to be most usable by him in his pulpit work.

More than a dozen years ago, Dr. P. Carnegie Simpson wrote **The Facts of Christ**, which has run through edition after edition, and has been translated into seven languages. Now Dr. Simpson has given us another volume, **The Facts of Life in the Light of Faith** (Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto and London, 268 pages, \$1.25 net). The later book is a frank enquiry as to whether Christianity can stand the test of modern scientific investigation and philosophical discussion. In other words, it asks, Can the Christian teaching regarding the great facts of human experience,

such as pain, sin, immortality and the like still be held? The confident affirmative with which this question is answered comes from one who has examined with the utmost pains and candor the objects urged against it. From the same publishers comes a new volume of sermons by the Rev. G. H. Morrison, D.D., Wellington Church, Glasgow,—**The Weaving of Glory**, a title which fitly describes this even score and a half of Sunday evening discourses, showing, as they do, how into this human life of ours may be woven the joys and hopes which can come only from a divine source. The price is \$1.35 net. From the same British and Canadian publishers comes also **Vital Problems of Religion**, by Rev. J. R. Cohu (289 pages, \$1.50 net), of which the scope may be indicated by the chapter headings, Through Nature to Nature's God, The Problem of Evil, Religion and Science, Personality in Man, The Freedom of the Will, Conscience, or God's Voice within Us, Religion and Theology, Philosophy's Living Personal God. Mr. Cohu brings to the discussion of these topics of perennial interest a fresh and vigorous mind.

Cassell & Company, Toronto, have added to their excellent list of travel volumes an altogether delightful little book, **Three Months in India**, by Robert F. Horton, M.A., D.D. Dr. Horton, as is well known, is one of the leading Congregational ministers in England. His book of 220 pages contains some exquisite bits of description, and its testimony to the value of British administration in India and to the work of Christian missionaries will be read with great interest. Price, 75c. net.

The Manhood of the Master, by Harry Emerson Fosdick (Association Press, New York, 166 pages, 50c.), is a series of daily studies, covering a period of twelve weeks, dealing with various aspects of our Lord's character. A scripture reading for each day is given, accompanied by brief comments of a suggestive and devotional, as distinguished from an informational, character. This is followed each week by a more extended comment covering the readings of the week and furnishing materials for wider study. The book is well adapted for personal devotions and for use in Bible Study Classes.

We are indebted to the National Reform Association, Pittsburg, Pa., for the **Official Report of the Second World's Citizenship Conference**, held at Portland, Oregon, last summer, under the direction of the National Reform Association, a body with some fifty years of work to its credit, and whose main emphasis is laid on good citizenship, and all that that means. There were immense attendances at the Conference, and such subjects as the Christianization of the social order, the family, the liquor question, world peace, capital and labor, were treated by expert authorities. Rev. W. M. Rochester, of the Canadian Lord's Day Alliance, spoke on the Sabbath, and Professor Wicher, formerly one of our Canadian Presbyterian ministers, now of San Francisco Theological Seminary, California, on Social Principles of the New Testament. The volume, which contains 303 extra large pages, is well worth, to those interested in theological questions, the dollar, which will bring it, postpaid.