

### THE BOOK PAGE

Dr. John R. Mott's newest book, **The Present World Situation**: With Special Reference to the Demands Made upon the Christian Church in Relation to Non-Christian Lands (Student Volunteer Movement, New York, 268 pages, \$1.00 net) shows the unruffled faith of the man. It was completed before the war began, although but now published. The writer has not changed a single word that he had written, profoundly changed as world conditions have been by that mighty cataclysm. The book is evidence also of his far-reaching sagacity and his width of view. No man could have predicted the war. Dr. Mott does not. But the principles he lays down and elaborates are so fundamental, that the race animosities and severances which the war has created only serve to emphasize those principles,—on the lines of which the world is to be made one in Christ Jesus. The present world need and world call for the gospel of Jesus Christ, as seen especially with Dr. Mott's own eyes these four years past in his journeys and studies and conferences in the far and near East and in Western countries on both sides of the sea, are fully set forth; this followed by a vivid discussion of the un-Christian aspects of the impact of our Western civilization on the East, and how this impact is to be Christianized. How closer cooperation and unity of the Christian forces are to be secured, is dealt with as the great practical problem. A basic necessity, Dr. Mott declares to be "that Christians of our day enter into far closer and more efficient cooperation and into a more vital unity. The war has given a sad black eye to this aspiration, so far at least

as some countries are concerned. This book, by its magnificent presentation of the world need, and the way to meet it, will help to tide the church over these times of differences and discussion, and therefore of sad delay. A chapter of unique interest and value is the comparison made by Dr. Mott of conditions in the various countries of the East and Far East at the time of his first visit to them fifteen years ago and his recent visits. The details are amazing and most significant.

For the first time a comprehensive survey has been made of the work and interests of the women of Canada. But much more than that is to be found, as the second part of the title implies, in **The Canadian Woman's Annual and Social Service Directory**, edited by Emily P. Weaver, A. E. Weaver, and E. C. Weaver, B.A. (McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, 332 pages, \$1.00 net). The volume contains a perfect wealth of information carefully compiled and clearly set out on such subjects as: The Laws relating to Women, Child Welfare in its various branches, Women in Professions, Women's Trade Unions, Canadian Art, Music, Drama and Literature, Community Work, Agriculture for Women, Public Health, Temperance and Purity, and so on. The sections on Socializing and Philanthropic agencies will be extremely useful to Social workers. Names and addresses of all the main societies for women in Canada, both secular and religious, are given, and also the officers and headquarters of various organizations, whether of men or women, for Social Work. There is a section on the war and the patriotic work arising out of it. The very fine index

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