

Review of the Newest Books

By H. S. ROSS.

"THE PROTESTANT," By Burris A. Jenkins, The Christian Century Press, 700 E. 40th St., Chicago, Ill., \$1.35 net.

The author calls this a "scrap book for insurgents," and dedicates it "to the bravest men I know, the heretics." He frankly confesses himself a destructive critic. Looking abroad over the Church today, Dr. Jenkins sees its follies, its waste, its ineptness, its bondage to tradition, and he yearns for the coming of the great Protestant, another Luther, who will not only shatter the present order of things but lead the Church into a new day. While he disavows any constructive purpose in the book, it is in reality a masterpiece of constructive and helpful criticism. Without apparently trying to do so the author marks out positive paths along which the progress must be made. Dr. Jenkins writes with a facile, even a racy pen. He has filled these pages with a heavy charge of dynamite.

Dr. Burris A. Jenkins was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and graduated in Arts from Bethany College and spent some years at Yale and Harvard. He has been pastor of a number of well known churches and for a time was president of the University of Indianapolis. His other books are "Heroes of Faith," "The Man in the Street and Religion," and "Facing the Hindenburg Line."

He is also, in addition to his duties as pastor of one of the well known churches in Kansas City, editor and publisher of "The Kansas City Post."

TOWARDS NEW HORIZONS, by M. P. Willcocks, John Lane, The Bodley Head, London and New York: 5s. net.

The book is dedicated "To All My Friends,"

some in prison, some in the army and some in the labor movement, who have made it impossible for me to despair of the future."

In "Towards New Horizons" a volume of essays, mainly political, Mill Willcocks endeavors to gather up into one focus the forces of the new time. The book might suitably be called "An Englishwoman Looks at the World" and tries to leave her insularity behind her. Everything in this book is discussed with reference to the League of Nations and turns especially on the place likely to be taken by Labor in the new world. Very up-to-date and provocative, many will dispute its conclusions but no one who cares to read the signs of the times will find the book dull.

The essay, "The New Economic Order" is particularly interesting and the same can be said of the essay, "Literature and Democracy."

"SISTER ANNE! SISTER ANNE!" By Gertrude Arnold. Published by McClelland & Stewart, Ltd., Toronto.

These simply told and yet dramatically powerful sketches show both the bright and sorrowful side of hospital life.

This is a side of life about which little is written and yet it is of the most intense human interest. Miss Arnold seizes upon situations and incidents of hospital experiences from the nurse's point of view and has employed exceptional dramatic skill in placing before her readers the varied humor, sentiment and pathos of these experiences.

This book is dedicated "To my father and mother to whose inspiration I owe the privilege of service."

"JAPAN AND WORLD PEACE," by K. K. Kawakami. The Macmillan Company, New York.

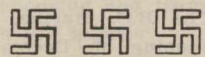
This book is an attempt to describe Japan's place in the League of Nations. The author has tried to explain the aspirations and hopes, fears and misgivings, which Japan will entertain under the new world regime, as under the old.

The foremost problem of Japan today is the population problem intertwined with which is the matter of her iron and coal supply. With her increasing population sealed up in a small archipelago, Japan sees the only means of solving the problem of overpopulation in the promotion of her industry and the expansion of her foreign trade. Japan's foremost desire is to become a great industrial and trading nation, which desire is hampered by lack of coal and iron. She is compelled to seek them in territories not too far from her home land.

The author has devoted a considerable space to Japan's relations with China, because those relations are most vital to the existence of the island nation.

In speaking of the prevailing conditions in China, the author has in the past endeavored to express himself with reserve but has reluctantly come to the conclusion that the time has come when the world should be informed of the true situation. There is no use, he declares, in evading the fact that China is utterly incapable of managing her own affairs, and that the civilized nations of the world must come to an agreement with a view to establishing an international guardianship for China.

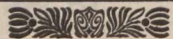
This book is dedicated "To the memory of our beloved nephew, Sergeant Alfred Kristoferson, who died a heroic death in the Battle of the Argonne Forest, October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and eighteen."



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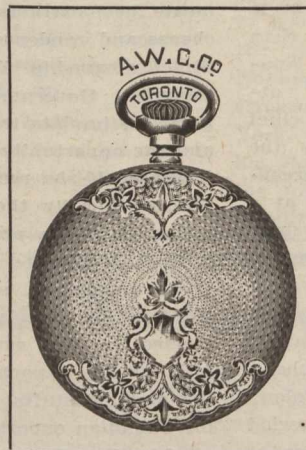
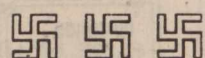
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