

Indians. So, also, are the five students, whose historic meeting under a haystack in a thunder-storm marked the birth of American foreign missions; and Cyrus Hamlin, missionary and universal genius, and Joseph Neesima, the Christian patriot of Japan. The book, besides being, in most delightful form, a valuable contribution to the history of a church that has been amongst the foremost in contending for religious freedom and in modern missionary enterprise, shows what men can accomplish who have the courage of their convictions, and is full of encouragement and inspiration for noble living.

From the same publishers comes, **A Year of Good Cheer**, a compilation of quotations in a dainty volume of eighty odd pages, by Delia Lyman Porter (50c. net).

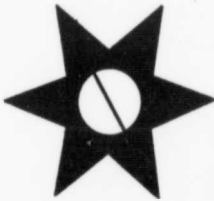
"The church is built on sacrifice, and by sacrifice". This is the thought that runs, like the scarlet thread in the cordage of the British navy, through the new collection of sermons, by W. Robertson Nicoll, entitled, **The Lamp of Sacrifice** (Hodder and Stoughton, London, Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto, 395 pages, \$1.75). The title itself is, of course, taken from Ruskin's, *Seven Lamps of Architecture*. There is endless variety and interest in the material, and unflinching charm in the style, of these sermons. But, after all, the power in them that chiefly draws and holds the reader, is found in the constant uplifting of the great Sacrifice, and in the appeal, responded to by all that is noblest in us, to make that Sacrifice, in some real sense, the Inspiration and Example of our daily life. No preacher will read Dr. Nicoll's sermons without

finding his evangelical fervor kindled into a warmer glow.

On opening, **The Self-interpretation of Jesus Christ**, by Rev. G. S. Streatfeild, M.A. (Hodder and Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 211 pages, \$1.25), one naturally cuts first the pages of the chapter headed, *The Christ of Rationalism*. For here we are at once in the thick of the fight. Is the Christ we have trusted and worshiped, One who knew and declared Himself to be the divine Saviour of the world. Or, was He created by the deluded imagination of His earliest followers? No question could be more vital, and none more clamant for an answer. And it scarcely needs to be said that the answer hangs upon the historicity of the Gospels. Mr. Streatfeild's volume does the real service of stating sharply and clearly the issue between Christian belief and rationalistic speculations, and marshaling the undeniable facts, against which the attacks of modern unbelief are as vain as the efforts of the waves to move the solid rock.

From the same London and Toronto publishers, we have received the fifth volume in the second series of Dr. Alexander MacLaren's, **Expositions of Holy Scripture** (399 pages, \$1.50 per volume, \$6.00 per set of six). The new volume contains 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings, chs. 1 to 7.

Three stories come from The Macmillan Company of Canada. Marion Crawford's, **A Lady of Rome** (383 pages, \$1.50) is marked by the author's wonderful mastery of technique and intimate knowledge of life in modern Italy. **Chippinge Borough**, by Stanley J. Weyman (375 pages, \$1.50) depicts the



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