

standing her real worth and towards placing the emphasis upon those features of her being which are vital to the present generation, is given in **The Modern Meaning of Church Membership**, by John M. Versteeg (The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati, 160 pages, 75c.). Beside the question of the church's function as an institution, lies that of the qualities required in a church member. This little volume accordingly is divided into two parts, the first under the title, *The Church*, and the second following the caption, *Church Membership*. To unfold what the main qualities such membership actually demands to-day, what the real strong qualities upon which she may insist with respect from candid men, are, is a large part of the author's aim. The book is readable and suggestive.

Dr. A. J. W. Myers, Professor of Religious Education in Hartford Theological Seminary, formerly Educational Secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has provided for the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, a new text book for their well known series of studies, **Christian Life in the Community** (Association Press, 129 pages,

60c.), is this new study book. While intended for American as well as Canadian students, the volume is essentially Canadian, "planned from the point of view of the situation in Canada," quoting statements of Canadians and citing Canadian incidents. As the title suggests, the aim of the writer is to prepare leaders for service in the work of the local church so that it may fill its mission in its own community. Each of the nine chapters, after providing a surprising amount of information on its topics, closes with a scripture passage as a basis of the study, and with questions and suggestions for further study and for actual service. Opportunities for Service through the Church School, is one of the main considerations of this attractive and commendable study book. Professor Myer's book has been chosen by our Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies as a study book for the Societies during 1920.

The scope and purpose of **Building a New World**, by Harrison S. Elliott (Association Press, New York, 141 pages, paper 35c.) are sufficiently indicated by its sub-title, *An Outline for the Discussion of the Christian Issues Involved in the Winning of the War and in the Establishment of World Democracy*.



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