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His Dominion : A Text Book on Home Missions for Summer Schools, Institutes and Study Classes, by Rev. W. T. Gunn, D.D. (Presbyterian Home Mission Office, Toronto, 280 pages, 60c. cloth, 40c. paper : in each case postage prepaid), is very, very much more than a "text book." It is a thoroughly digested, well written and most interesting account of how Canada has been conquered by the gospel. To give the Table of Contents is to whet the appetite of readers for the book itself. Here it is :

CHAPTER :

- I. Deals with the vast and rich foundation which God has laid in Canada for the building of a great nation.
- II. Tells of the discovery of Canada and the French regime, with its double fruitage of blessing and difficulty.
- III. Brings to us the story of the conquest and settlement by the English and of the forces which, in the century of preparation, unified the nation and prepared it for greater days to come.
- IV. Gives glimpses of the beginnings of our principal Protestant churches and of their early work and development.
- V. Shows the churches growing stronger and beginning to reach out with the gospel message in our early Home Missions to the Indians and to the work of French Evangelization.
- VI. Deals with our Modern Home Missionary Era. In it the strategic development of Home Missions upon the field and at the home base is outlined. In it also are suggestive outlines of two new and great problems which have come upon us so suddenly they are hardly realized—the rural depletion and the urban increase.
- VII. Is simply a glance at the incoming tide of new friends with their problems and blessing.
- VIII. Takes stock of our tasks and the forces with which we must meet them.

This new Home Mission book has been written by Dr. Gunn under the auspices of the Baptist, Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian Home Mission Boards, and deserves a wide circulation.

On the first page of **Thirty Years in the Canadian North West**, by Rev. James Woodsworth, D.D., Superintendent of North West Missions of the Methodist Church (McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, 259 pages, \$1.50), appears the statement : "In 1882 the Toronto Conference included all the territory in Canada from Belleville District on the East to Vancouver Island in the Pacific Ocean on the West." It was not until August 1, 1883, that the Conference for Manitoba and the North West Territories was established. One can hardly believe that the immense development of our Canadian West has occupied only the brief period of a little over thirty years. It stands to the credit of the Christian churches

that their work in these vast territories has fairly kept pace with the material progress of the country. Dr. Woodsworth, in his timely volume,—timely as synchronizing in its appearance with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation—tells the fascinating story of the past which the great Methodist Church has taken in the religious conquest of our newer provinces. No one could be better qualified to write this story, for Dr. Woodsworth is an outstanding figure amongst the leaders in the evangelization of the West. This is a book to be read and studied with ever increasing delight and profit.

A substantial little book of 144 pages, entitled **The Confederation of Canada**, has been issued by the Oxford University Press, Toronto (price 50c.). It consists of four lectures delivered in the University of Toronto, to commemorate the Jubilee of Confederation. Professor Wrong gives a vivid historical sketch of how Confederation was reached. Sir John Willison sketches some of the political leaders in the Federation. Z. A. Lash, K.C., describes the working of Federal institution in Canada ; and Sir Robert Falconer, in a particularly illuminating lecture, analyzes the quality of Canadian life. Himself a Canadian, Sir Robert's analysis is the work of a keen, broad-minded observer and student of Canadian life and character.

The New Era in Canada : Essays Dealing with the Upbuilding of the Canadian Commonwealth, Edited by J. O. Miller, Principal of Ridley College (J. M. Dent & Sons, London and Toronto, 421 pages, \$1.50), is a collection of papers by the following writers : Professor Stephen Leacock ; Sir Clifford Sifton ; Professor Frank D. Adams ; Sir John Willison ; Sir Edmund Walker ; Mr. G. Frank Beer ; Archbishop Neil McNeil ; Miss Marjory MacMurehy ; Professor George M. Wrong ; Mr. A. J. Glazebrook ; Mr. John W. Daffoe ; Mrs. H. P. Plumtre ; Peter McArthur ; Principal J. O. Miller ; and Rev. Dr. Herbert Symonds. The papers represent many points of view, but they have a common purpose, namely, to make a contribution toward the building up of a better Canada. In these pages no one who is laboring, in whatever sphere, for the uplift of this great Dominion, can fail to find inspiration and help. All profits from the sale of this book are to go to the Canadian Red Cross Society. From the same publishers we have received **Canada in War Paint**, by Capt. R. W. Bell (208 pages, 90c.), a series of exceedingly well written sketches of actual camp life.

The great body of Canadian opinion, barring a lamentable minority, is becoming solid in the view of Colonel William Hamilton Merritt in his very recent book, **Canada and National Service** (The Macmillan Company of Canada, 247 pages, with careful index, \$1.00) that the establishment in Canada of a system of universal military training and service would be of high national advantage. Col. Merritt has been the President of the Canadian Defence League since its formation in 1909. He is a veteran of the Riel Rebellion and of the South African War, and has studied war conditions in many countries. His sturdy, straightforwardly written book is a thesaurus of facts and arguments on this momentous question.