

### THE BOOK PAGE

"The Fatherhood of Death" is, at first sight, a somewhat startling title for the first of the sermons and addresses in, **Missions in State and Church**, by Dr. P. T. Forsyth, Principal of Hackney College, Hampstead (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 344 pages, \$1.75). The death referred to is the death of the blessed Lord Jesus, and that great sacrifice is viewed as the highest expression of God's fatherhood. Finding thus the solid foundation of Bible teaching on missions in the divine fatherhood revealed in the cross, the author proceeds to expound and enforce what the Bible says on that subject. Such headings as, Some Causes of Missionary Apathy, Some Grounds of Missionary Zeal, The National Aspect of Missions, The Missionary's Staying Power, A Missionary Model, Holy Christian Empire, will attract the reader on whom the missionary idea has laid hold, and he will find under these headings fuel in abundance for his zeal and devotion.

Professor James Orr's latest volume is, **Sidelights on Christian Doctrine** (Marshall Brothers, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 183 pages, \$1.25). Dr. Orr is fully aware of the popular prejudice against doctrine in religion. But this prejudice is as unreasonable, he points out, as it would be to count it a recommendation of a physician that he has little interest in anatomy and physiology. Religious doctrine, in Dr. Orr's view, is simply clear and systematic thinking about divine things, and this volume contains a series of illuminating dis-

cussions on the foundation truths of the Christian faith. Those who know Dr. Orr only or mainly as a critic of the critics, will see him here in a new light, as he sets forth *precisely* the great religious verities, with the fervor of an earnest believer, as well as the skill of a trained dialectician.

Alongside Dr. Orr's book may naturally be noticed **The Bible of Nature**, by J. Arthur Thomson, M.A., Regius Professor of Natural History in the University of Aberdeen (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 248 pages, \$1.50). For Professor Thomson's book is The Bross Lectures for 1907, before the College of Lake Forest, while Dr. Orr's most famous book, *The Problem of the Old Testament*, won, in 1906, the prize of \$6,000 from the Fund which provides for these annual lectures. Besides, as *Sidelights on Christian Doctrine* sets forth the revelation of God contained in His written Word, *The Bible of Nature* exhibits the divine self-revelation in the great book of the physical universe. With the thoroughgoing accuracy of the scientist, Professor Thomson tells the story of the world and of man, from the beginning to its latest chapter, and, when the story is told, leads us to behold, with ever growing wonder, in all the processes of nature, the power and wisdom of the great Creator.

The opening sentences of, **A Flight from Siberia**, by Vaclav Sieroszewski (Copp Clark Company, Toronto, 380 pages, \$1.25), prepare us for the two attempts at escape of which the story tells. "Please yourselves", says Niehorski. "For my own part I cannot, no, I cannot bear it any longer. It is



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