

"World-Wide Evangelization." The Urgent Business of the Church. Addresses delivered before the Fourth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, Toronto, Canada, February 26 to March 2, 1902. New York: Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xii-691. Price, \$1.50.

Hundreds of persons who crowded Massey Hall at the Students' Missionary Convention, and many thousands more who were unable to be present on that memorable occasion will, we doubt not, be glad to possess this authentic report of the proceedings at that great assembly. The soul-stirring addresses of Mr. R. E. Speer, Mr. John R. Mott, Mrs. Taylor, Prebendary Fox, Bishops Thoburn and Gallagher, alone, are worth the cost of the volume. It is a perfect cyclopaedia of missionary information. Not only are the proceedings of the Massey Hall meetings faithfully recorded, but also those of the subordinate meetings, if they may be called such, in the several churches, in which the latest missionary information concerning the Dark Continent, China, India, Japan, Burma, Ceylon, South America, Turkey, Syria, Egypt, medical missions, and Jewish missions, by leaders in these various fields. The book is admirably printed and indexed. It will be, we deem, indispensable for the study of mission problems of the times. One will receive from it not merely information, but inspiration as well. Its study cannot fail to give great impulse to missionary enterprise. The book may be ordered through our Book Room, or through Mr. F. C. Stephenson, 81 Czar Street, Toronto. These nearly 700 octavo pages for \$1.50 makes one of the cheapest books ever published.

"Swiss Life in Town and Country." By Alfred Thomas Story. Author of "The Building of the British Empire," etc. Illustrated. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii-282.

Many tourists have a superficial acquaintance with Swiss life and character through their casual tours, but few of these really know Switzerland. Those who know it best love it most. Persons so dissimilar as Professor Tyndall and Miss Havergal made an

annual visit for many years to its High Alps. Alike to those who know Switzerland passably well, and to those who have never beheld its fascinating scenes, the book under review will give much and interesting information.

The Swiss are not a homogeneous people, but are made up of diverse races. In the Swiss Parliament, four languages are spoken, and papers are published in these four tongues. It is curious that the older Catholic religion prevails in the more mountainous parts, while Protestantism obtains in its lower valleys and broader plains. One can easily tell when he passes from a Catholic to a Protestant canton by the superior appearance of village and field in the latter, and by the greater intelligence of the people.

Our author has made a sympathetic study of Switzerland and its people, the political constitution, their cantonal life, and character, public education, national industries, home life, religious influences, fetes, and festivals, and the like. Switzerland is a perfect hive of industry, everybody works, there is no idle class. The constant struggle with nature, the effort to wring a subsistence from stubborn glebe or rocky mountain pasture has developed a sturdy thrift and independence of character.

Many specialized industries are followed, as clock and watch-making, wood-carving, silk, cotton, and wool spinning, cloth manufacture, dairying, farming, and vine culture, and the like. The Swiss harness the powers of nature in their many waterfalls to the wheels of industry, and the very difficulties under which they labour have made them the best engineers in Europe. For five hundred years they have maintained their independence amid their mountain fastnesses.

The author pays a deserved tribute to Swiss women. Few make more devoted wives and mothers, few better keepers of the home and hearth. These homes, picturesque as they may look upon the mountain side, are often, and especially in the Catholic cantons, very unsanitary and comfortless. "I have never," says our author, "found children better behaved than in the land of mountain and lake. They rarely meet you without the salutation 'Guten Tag,' or 'Gut Abend.' Their schools are of superior excellence. They study nature at first hand, and many of the boys could