

Book Notices.

- "The White Peril: An Interpretation of the Significance of the Russo-Japanese War." By Sidney Lewis
 • Gulick, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

This is a brief and in every way a satisfactory summing up of the situation in the Far East by a man who has not only heard and seen, but who knows how to see and hear below the surface the true and unseen things that make up the reality behind ephemeral phenomena. He looks at the White Peril, which threatens the whole of the East, in the form of the unscrupulous aggressions of the white man, through the eyes of the Japanese, and with the heart of the Anglo-Saxon at his best, in the Christian missionary. The philosopher was seen in his earlier work, "The Evolution of the Japanese"; the practical man of affairs is seen in this. He shows that the fear of the "White Peril" is no figment of fancy, no bogeyman to frighten Eastern children, but a very serious modern menace to the integrity of the Orient and to the peace of the world. He draws with a few strokes of a master hand the awakening of Japan and her wonderful transformation in the face of the national danger. He points out the rapid phases through which she has passed within fifty years, the secret of her successes and the splendid evidences of the reality of her adopted ideals, and the uplifting, purifying, influence of the present struggle, which is one of the most righteously patriotic the world has yet seen. He then makes a proposition for securing permanent peace by the exclusion of Russia from the Pacific, by means of a buffer state north of Manchuria, under the control of Great Britain and the United States. But to understand this the whole problem, as outlined in the book, must be studied: it is not to be incontinently rejected because unusual. We are living in a time when precedents are made for the future. The author covers very much the same ground, and in very much the same way, as in the two articles that have appeared in the May and June numbers of this magazine, "A New Problem for Missions." His solution is a proposition supplementary to that proposed in the above articles, but in no

sense contradictory. The problem as to the salvation of Asia from the "White Peril," and of Europe from the "Yellow Peril," is an enormous one. It admits of many lines of mutually helpful plans of operation. This book is one of the very best contributions on the subject, written in a charming style, presented in print and binding that make it a pleasure to handle: it should be in the hands of all who are praying that Christ's kingdom may come to this sad old earth.

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- "Speeches and Addresses, Political, Literary, and Religious." By John Charlton. Toronto: Morang & Co. Pp. xi-499.

It is much, in the fierce light that beats upon a public man, to have "worn the white flower of a blameless life through all this tract of years." This the author of this goodly volume has done. He is everywhere known by friends and by opponents as "Honest John Charlton." He has ever been on the right side of every moral question—Sabbath observance, temperance, religion. He takes us at once into his confidence by reciting, in brief, his life story. His parents were sturdy Yorkshiremen, though he was born in New York State seventy-six years ago. At the age of twenty he came to Canada, and has been identified with its best interests ever since. His father's house was a place where religion was both preached and practised. The result is seen in the sturdy character which it developed. He takes greatest, honest pride in his legislation, known as the Charlton Act, for the protection of young girls. It took four years of parliamentary fighting, he says, to place that law on the statute book. He has given special attention to the transportation problem, which is fully discussed in these pages. He sturdily defends Britain's course in the South African War. Six papers discuss the fiscal relations of Canada, of which he was a profound student. Papers on religious subjects, platform addresses, on Lincoln, Livingstone, Washington, and a clever article on American humor, show the variety and importance of this book. It is handsomely printed and bound.