

THE BOOK PAGE

The recently issued volume, **Social Service** (Presbyterian Publications, Toronto, 150 pages, 30c. paper, 50c. cloth, postpaid), is timely. Every thinking man realizes that the problems included under that term are multiplying with astounding rapidity, and every one who has tried to aid in solving them knows how difficult the task is. Whatever light can be thrown on the problems or their solution by expert workers should be welcome. The writer of each of the twelve chapters of this compact and well printed book is such an expert, and the problems are discussed from the Canadian and present day standpoint, and include such as Jesus and Social Service, by Professor Law, of Knox College, The Problem of the City, by Professor Skelton, of Queen's, Our Laws relating to Morals and their Enforcement, by Dr. Shearer, Education for Citizenship, by Principal Dyde, of Robertson College, Strathcona, the Church and Industrial Conditions, by Dr. W. H. Smith, of Fredericton, N.B., and Canada and the World's Peace, by Dr. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe. The book is eminently readable and is well worth its price.

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