

and gathers around him armed with stones, he says, "My whole soul is wrapped up in the thought, 'How shall I get my Master's offer of salvation before these people?'" He begins to chant one of their own hymns, then, as he told the "story of stories, the story of redeeming love," he sees tears coursing down their faces, and dropping on to the pavements, that they had torn up to stone him. We quote as follows:

"Now," said I, folding my arms, and standing before them, "I have finished my story. You may stone me now. I will make no resistance."

"No, no," said they, "we don't want to stone you now. We did not know whose messenger you were, nor what you had come to tell us. Do those books that you have tell more about this wonderful Redeemer?"

"Yes," said I, "this is the history of His life on earth." And they purchased all the gospels and tracts he had, and escorted him to the camp, begging forgiveness for their insults, for they knew not whose messenger he was.

"Verily the story of the cross has not lost its power. It still reaches the ear and touches the heart of men of every tongue, in every clime. Happy we, if we have a part in making known, here and in all the world, that story of the cross."

In 250,000 of the 1,000,000 towns and villages of India, through the agency of the surgeon's knife, the physician's prescription, the voice of the wandering preacher, the Gospel has been made known, though accepted by comparatively few. In 750,000 other towns and villages no such work is done. A school-house can be built for fifty dollars, the Gospel planted in a village for a hundred. Canadian Methodism ought to have a share in this good work. We commend this book to our readers, as one of the most virile and stirring appeals we ever read.

"Protection of Native Races Against Intoxicants and Opium. Based on Testimony of One Hundred Missionaries and Travellers." By Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts, and Misses Mary and Margaret W. Leitch. Chicago, New York, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. 289. Price, cloth, 75 cents; paper, 35 cents.

This book, like the prophets' scroll, is full of lamentation and weeping and great woe. It describes the awful

ravages of drink among the pagan races of the world, the rum tragedies in Africa and the sunny islands of the sea, "where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

"Wherever in heathen lands Christian nations have not 'made ten drunkards to one Christian,' it is usually due to the fact that we have encountered a total abstinence religion. Mohammedans say, on seeing one of their number drunk, 'He has left Mohammed and gone to Jesus.' In Morocco, from a Mohammedan point of view, 'Drunkenness is considered a Christian sin.' 'All the grog-shops are kept by Christians.' 'There is no license system, because the Sultan cannot derive a profit from sin.' This 'Christian habit' is the chief obstacle, say the missionaries, to the conversion of Mohammedans, in Africa and Asia alike."

Thank God, the nations are awaking, and none more so than the two foremost Christian nations of the world, Great Britain and the United States. "Britain, the most experienced of colonizing powers," says our author, "is beginning to recognize that commerce, no less than conscience, calls for the abolition, not alone of slavery, but also of the kindred traffics in liquor and opium."

Sixteen leading nations in 1892 united in a league for the suppression of the traffics in liquor, firearms, and slaves, in the Congo region.

"Great Britain, without waiting for the concurrence of other powers, is adopting prohibition, in the name of conscience and commerce, as to opium in Burma, as to intoxicants in many parts of Africa and the South Sea Islands."

"Mohammedan prohibition protects native races in the parts of Africa north of portion covered by Treaty of 1899, and British prohibition protects most of the natives in the regions south of it."

As long ago as 1879, under the Royal Arms of Queen Victoria, appeared a prohibition for the sale of liquor by any British subject in Tonga, Fiji, and other islands of the South Seas, since extended, we believe, to all the South Sea islands under her control. Would that the same protection could be extended to her children at home.

Among the many portraits in this book we note that of our Canadian Methodist missionary in Japan, Miss E. A. Preston, and of many other notable workers for the uplift and salvation of mankind.