

THE BOOK PAGE

Our Advanced Standard Teacher Training Course has now been completed by the publication of Handbook No. 7 on **Missions** by Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay, Foreign Mission Secretary (Presbyterian Publications, Toronto, 66 pages, 10c. postpaid). The book, which is one of the best of the series, gives a concise and vivid account of missions from Pentecost down to modern times, and a birdseye view of the great mission fields of the present day. The eight concluding chapters are an account of the mission work of our own church, Home and Foreign, in greater detail. Dr. MacKay's book, which has been done with great care, is good reading, as well as a capital text-book for Teacher Training and Mission Study Classes and Young People's Societies.

By common consent the Mohamr edan world is the most difficult mission field of modern times. All the more important, therefore, is it that missionaries to the followers of the false prophet should understand the system which they seek to replace by our Christian faith, not only as it is formulated in the Koran, but also as it is actually held to-day. Amongst the many recent books written for the student of modern Mohamr edan doctrine and practice, a high place must be given to **Aspects of Islam**, by Duncan Black Macdonald, M.A., D.D., Professor of Semitic Languages in Hartford Theological Seminary (The Macmillan Company of Canada, 375 pages, \$1.50). This book is marked by full and first-hand knowledge

of its subject, broad sympathy with Moslems and cordial recognition of the many points of agreement between their belief and that of Christians, and, at the same time, by penetrating analysis and keen criticism of delusions and errors; while the simple, at times almost colloquial, style, charms the reader and holds his interest throughout. The ten chapters of the volume were the 1909 Hartford-Lamson Lectures on, The Religions of the World.

Three dainty little gilt-topped volumes from the Musson Book Company, Toronto, are **Canadian Eloquence** (112 pages); **Canadian Sonnets** (112 pages); and **Canada, My Home: And Other Poems** (88 pages). The first contains speeches by George Brown, Joseph Howe, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir John A. Macdonald, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, and four Indian chiefs, including Tecumseh, selected and edited by Lawrence J. Burpee. The same editor has placed before us the full and representative collection from the writings of Canadian sonnetters. The third of the volumes consists of poems chiefly patriotic and referring to Canada. The editor is Grant Balfour. The price of each volume is 50c.

In, **Heather and Peat**, by A. D. Stewart (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto and New York, 312 pages, \$1.20), a Scottish crofter, evicted from his lowly dwelling, that the high mountain reaches belonging to a poverty-stricken laird might be rented to a wealthy "Sassenach" for a deer forest, leaves his



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