

### THE BOOK PAGE

The very title of Rev. Richard Roberts' volume, **The Renaissance of Faith** (Cassell & Company, Toronto, 308 pages, \$1.75) strikes a note of hope. Mr. Roberts is one of the younger ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England. His work is in the world's centre, London. He evidently "keeps his ear close to the ground." He knows his time. If he is caustic and at times almost pessimistic, it is not through ignorance but because of his knowledge. Part I. of the book is an arraignment of *The Average Man* as well-nigh inevitably and incurably materialistic. Part II., entitled *The Wilderness*, is a survey and criticism of the social, intellectual, and religious tendencies of our time. And Part III. is a prognostication of a coming renaissance of faith, and of spiritual life, with the results for thought and conduct likely to accrue therefrom. The whole is an indictment and a look forward, which sets one athinking, and which this materialistic time needs, both for its rebuke and its inspiration. Mr. Roberts, who writes, as Professor Johnston Ross says, "with the vivacious, surging fluency of the bilingual Welshman," never loses for an instant his grip on the reader.

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