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The Uplift of China, by Arthur H. Smith (254 pages), and **The Challenge of the City**, by Josiah Strong (329 pages), are the two latest additions to the now well known and capital series of study courses issued by the Young People's Missionary Movement (156 Fifth Avenue, New York). The writers are specialists of world wide fame, and the books are freely illustrated; price, cloth 50c., paper 35c., postage 8c. extra.

It is no wonder that **The Lady of the Decoration**, by Frances Little (The Century Co., New York, Musson Book Co., Toronto, 236 pages, \$1.00), has run into many editions. The young widow who goes out to Japan as a missionary kindergarten teacher, after a wedded life which was a failure, through no fault of hers, is so entirely gay and giddy and so thoroughly womanly and Christian, that the story of her experiences presents missionary life in a refreshingly novel aspect.

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The veteran writer, James Croil, has just issued a new book, **Genesis of the Churches** (Foster Brown & Co., Montreal, 307 pages, \$1.00). It is truly catholic, embracing all the churches, from the Romish to the Latter Day Saints, and contains valuable information, including an account of many representative congregations and cuts of their church buildings.

In the way of Sunday School Lesson Helps for 1908, Axtell's **Teacher's Handbook** (132 pages, 35c.) and **Superintendent's Handbook** (132 pages, 35c.), both from the Cumberland Press, Nashville, Tenn., are the neat and valuable leather bound little pocket volumes, now familiar. **Tarbell's Teachers' Guide** (Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 531 pages, \$1.00) is also widely prized as plain, bright, practical and helpful. Of **The Teacher that Teaches**, by Amos R. Wells (The Pilgrim Press, Boston, 95 pages, 60c. net) it is enough to say that it is thoroughly characteristic of its author, who knows teachers, and scholars, and the Book, and human life so thoroughly, and looks at them so straight out of his own eyes.

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