

THE BOOK PAGE

The Life of James Robertson (our first Missionary Superintendent in Western Canada), by Charles W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), has been long looked for. It is the story of a very great man who came to his work at the psychological moment. It was surely nothing less than a good Providence that brought Dr. Robertson and the West together. Every minister will receive inspiration from this record of a difficult work nobly done, and all Canadians will be proud of the man who fearlessly, unwearingly, and with absolute unselfishness, spent his strength—alas, all too swiftly—in the conquest of the West for Christ. Here and there, all through the book, Ralph Connor is at his best, and every part of the story is of interest. The portraits of Dr. Robertson at different stages in his life and work are exceedingly characteristic. (Westminster Company, Toronto, 403 pages, \$1.50)

The missionary question is in the very forefront at the present time; and here is a little group of four books on various aspects of it, each most admirable. **The Bible a Missionary Book** (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, 192 pages, 50c.) is a second edition of Dr. Horton's little volume which was noticed in the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* at the time of its publication. It is a really most illuminating study of the Bible as a missionary book, not from isolated texts, but from the whole spirit and teaching, first of the New Testament, then of the Old. A valuable book for ministers and missionary leaders.

The same may be said with equal emphasis of John R. Mott's, **The Future Leadership of the Church** (Student Department, Young Men's Christian Association, New York, 208 pages, \$1.00). John R. Mott is the great statesman in the missionary world. The present volume is the result of special investigations carried on by him in all parts of the world, with a view to the solving of the problem of enlisting a full supply of strong men as volunteers for the foreign field. The urgency of the case, the obstacles, the favoring influences, the propaganda for enlisting, are dealt with in successive chapters, with a cogency and urgency which, it would seem, ought to prevail with ministers and other leaders in stimulating them to a keener search for men, and the men themselves to a ready taking hold of the great opportunities for service which the foreign field presents.

Harvests in Many Lands, is an account of the fruitage of Canadian Presbyterian mission work at home and abroad, and is edited by Rev. W. S. MacTavish, Ph.D., for the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies (Wm. Briggs Toronto, 312 pages, 75c. cloth gilt, 60c. cloth, 35c. paper). The book follows upon *Reapers in Many Fields* and *Missionary Pathfinders*, and the twenty-four chapters deal with actual results. Each chapter is by a worker in the field or by a missionary specialist. The topics discussed will form the series for the Special Monthly topics of the Plan of Study in Young People's Societies for 1909 and 1910, which are taken up month by month in *EAST AND WEST*.

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