

THE BOOK PAGE

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The recently appointed Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College, Rev. Robert Law, B.D., Minister of Lauriston Place Church, Edinburgh, has chosen a peculiarly happy title for his Kerr Lectures for 1909. The title is **The Tests of Life: A Study of the First Epistle of St. John (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, 421 pages, \$2.25 net)**. "One peculiarity of the Epistle", says Mr. Law, "is that the practical purpose for which it is avowedly written is a purpose of testing." There are a dozen sermons in the chapter that opens with this luminous sentence. Throughout the whole book, indeed, the preacher will find suggestion and stimulus that will send him forth tingling to his finger tips with a desire to declare the gospel unfolded with such mastery of thought and clearness of expression. From its author great things may be looked for in the professorial chair.

In **Anne of Avonlea** (L. C. Page & Company, Boston. 367 pages, frontispiece in color, \$1.50), Miss L. M. Montgomery tells us more of the experiences of Anne Shirley, the delightful heroine of her very successful book of last year, *Anne of Green Gables*. In the two years *Anne of Avonlea* covers, Anne taught the district school in one of the most beautiful parts of Prince Edward Island. Besides, there were the Village Improvement Society, the training of the

twins, delightful new friendships made, and other Anne-like surprises. In *Anne*, Miss Montgomery has given a very lovely picture of Canadian girlhood. Miss Montgomery has been for some time one of our most valued contributors to **EAST AND WEST**.

Dr. George Bryce has chosen a happy title for his story of the pioneers of Manitoba—**The Romantic Settlement of Lord Selkirk's Colonists** (Musson Book Company, Toronto, 328 pages, illustrations, \$1.50); for surely never settlement of a new land had more of romance than that of the Red River colony. Dr. Bryce is an avowed defender of Lord Selkirk, and as a resident of Winnipeg for these forty years past, has seen the Red River settlement grow to what it now is. The tale of the early hardships,—endless toil, peril, famine, flood, faction,—contrasts strangely with the peaceable and prosperous Prairie Province of to-day. It is vividly told, and is especially timely in view of the Centennial celebration of the settlement to be held in Winnipeg in 1912.

Of two stories published by William Briggs, **The Men of the Mountain** (321 pages, \$1.50), by S. R. Crockett, ranks amongst its author's best books. The scene is in Switzerland and during a German invasion, and how the hardy mountaineers defended themselves against their foreign foes is a thrilling tale, with no lack of adventure. Against this warlike background stand out the love stories of David Alix, the French pastor, the central figure in the tale, and a merry Swiss schoolmistress, and of the big German military chaplain and David's sister No'elie. The sixteen full page illustrations are by

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