

THE BOOK PAGE

Marian Keith's new book, *'Lizbeth of the Dale,* like its three predecessors, deals with Ontario country life (434 pages, price \$1.25, The Westminster Company, Limited, Toronto). Its interest centres around Elizabeth, a Gordon, but with a "wild streak" in her nature, inherited from her McDuff ancestors. This wild streak was the cause of most of 'Lizbeth's childish woes, as well as of more worrying troubles in girlhood and young ladyhood. But deep in her heart the wayward, dreamy little Elizabeth had an intense longing to be of some use in the world, and it is the long-deferred realization of this desire which brings the story to its happy ending. Marian Keith is at her best in the description of country life, and there are many tender, delicate, understanding descriptions, both of Ontario country scenes and characters, in *'Lizbeth of the Dale.*

Sir W. Robertson Nicoll needs no introduction. Out of the fullest possible sweep of knowledge, he has the rare knack of grouping, in a telling fashion, a wondrous array of facts, and what this and that great writer has put down. These characteristics find full play in *The Round of the Clock* (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 324 pages, \$1.25 net). Life to 60, is divided into cycles of five years, and what famous people have thought and said at the various ages, is recorded, with many a shrewd and pungent comment. "There are not a few", declares the author, "who would like to know on their birthdays how others were faring at the same age, and for these

this book is published." It is a book which one will take up again and again, always to find something fresh to interest and profit. The double column index of twelve pages, containing the names of authors and heroes referred to, shows how diversified are the contents.

For 40c. in paper covers, and 58c. in cloth—in each instance postpaid, John R. Mott's latest addition to missionary literature, *The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions* (Y. P. M. Movement of the United States and Canada, New York, 267 pages), may be obtained from the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Office, Toronto. And it is a book worth having, and worth reading and studying. Taking his Report to the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh as centre and starting point, Mr. Mott reviews the present condition of the non-Christian world,—its needs and our responsibilities and opportunities, and the requirements and possibilities of the situation. "The Superhuman Factor", is a significant chapter heading. There is appended an admirable series of questions as an aid to study, and a remarkably complete and informing map, in colors, of the Commercial Expansion of the Non-Christian World, Showing Railways Existing and Projected.

The "other people" are the present great practical problem of Christendom. Peter Roberts, who is the Immigration Secretary of the International Committee of Y. M. C. A.'s, classifies and describes those who are coming to the shores of this Western continent in his, *Immigrant Races in North America* (The Y. M. C. A. Press, New York, 109 pages, 50c.).

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