

will prove a great convenience for frequent reference. Of the compilers of the book, Miss Emily P. Weaver is a well known historian, and Miss E. C. Weaver an experienced social worker. It is planned to issue a new edition of the Canadian Woman's Annual each year.

An interesting volume is what Dr. Armgard Karl Graves gives in **The Secrets of the German War Office** (McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, 255 pages, with illustrations, \$1.50 net). It is hateful reading, as the productions of a spy must necessarily be, but all the same interesting and indeed, startling. It is not to be wondered at that the book has had great vogue. It was completed and in the hands of the publishers by the 1st of June last, that is, two months before the war broke out. If there had been no war, it would have still been an interesting flashlight into German secret methods. The war, and the things we have learned in regard to its methods, make some pages of the book stand out in living flame. The final chapter on Arming for Peace or War is almost prophetic. The writer in almost the closing paragraph says: "Existing political and geographical conditions in Europe must undergo a decided change. These changes are bound to occur, and it is hard to state a correct time. It may be to-morrow—it certainly will not be more than a decade hence."

Thomas Nelson and Sons (Toronto) **Atlas of the War** (88 pages, measuring 7½ x 9½ inches, 35c.), is perhaps the most complete, and at the same time handy, of the sets of war maps that have lately appeared. It contains not only a map of the world, with British, Russian, Belgian, French and German possessions marked in varying colors, but general maps of the coun-

tries involved in the war, detailed maps of the places of greatest interest, and complete diagrams and illustrative cuts of the armies, navies and air forces. The atlas is something to have at one's elbow while reading the daily war news.

A valuable contribution to war literature is, **World Power: The Empire of Christ**, by Rev. John MacNeill, the eloquent minister of Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto (McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, Toronto, 203 pages, \$1.25.) The volume is a collection of sermons preached by Mr. MacNeill in his own church. The general title points to the plan followed in each of the sermons of setting over against some of the phrases which have become famous during the present conflict, a great truth bearing on the progress and triumph of the kingdom of Christ. Mr. MacNeill's book will greatly help in bringing to many hearts that steadying of faith which is so greatly needed in this time of crisis.

**Jehane of the Forest**, by L. A. Talbot (McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, Toronto, 315 pages, \$1.25 net), takes us back to the days of Henry II. and to the borderland between England and Wales. It is a capital tale of love and war when the haughty Romans were the overlords and the Saxons were the depressed vassals. There is no lack of adventure, including the rescue of Jehane from the convent at Clee by her lover, the young Lord Lambert de Fort-Castel and the siege of Gubenhole Castle by Hugh de Mortimer. The escape of Lambert and Jehane, now man and wife, from the surrendered castle forms the thrilling tale, in which, from start to finish, the interest never flags.

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