

of Dr. Grenfell's own work, although it is not written with this end in view, while of its rewards, a glimpse is given in one story in particular, entitled *The Doctor's Big Fee*.

Field and Study, by John Burroughs (Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, Thomas Allen, Toronto, 329 pages and Index, \$1.50 net) has all the charm which a great multitude of readers have found in successive books by the same author. Reading these delightful essays is like taking an outdoor walk in the company of one for whom nature holds few secrets, and who can tell you the ways of all the wild creatures who dwell in the woods and fields. All sorts of useful and curious information is given in a style which is interesting as the most thrilling romance. Mr. Burroughs brings the field into the study, and, while he is teaching with the accuracy and fulness of the real man of science, he makes one see the actual living world of nature. Few better books for holiday reading could be found. Besides the sheer pleasure it gives, he would be a dull reader who should lay it down without being stimulated and helped to use his own faculties of observation in making new discoveries in the wonderful world about him.

In the opening scene of **Rosy**, by Louis Dodge (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, Frederick D. Goodchild, Toronto, 331 pages, \$1.60 net), Zeb Nanny, a convict on parole for the moment from the prison where he was serving a sentence for taking the law into his own hands against a scheming neighbor who had robbed his father with the aid of the law, is driven by a storm to take refuge in a cabin in the Ozark Mountains, that low, dome-like plateau in the Mississippi Valley between the Missouri and Arkansas rivers, where Rosy lives alone. There he finds Nat Minturn seeking to avoid the draft law which had just passed Congress. From this scene the romance develops. Nanny, instead of returning to prison, enlists under the name of Nat Minturn, while the real owner of that name remains in safety under the protection of Rosy. How the escaped prisoner, under his assumed name, fights bravely in France and loses an arm,—the slacker at home meanwhile receiving the credit from the community—and at last returns to receive a full pardon and to win Rosy as his bride, has its setting in a society in which the standards of pre-Revolutionary times still hold sway, and is full of human interest. The scene in which Rosy sits calmly at her door, a shotgun across her knees, defying the search party, will not soon be forgotten by the reader, and indicates the atmosphere in which the story moves.

Prowling About Panama, by George A. Miller (The Abingdon Press, New York and

Cincinnati, 254 pages, with 78 illustrations, \$1.50 net), is true to its title. It is neither geography nor history, but just the story of a "prowler," who goes about in a leisurely fashion, but with eyes and ears and mind wide open, and a ready pen to record what he saw and heard and thought. Panama is indeed wonderful "prowling" ground. Its history goes back to the days of Columbus. It is, at the same time, the most modern of localities. There is, therefore, the story of all that lies between. The illustrations, which are strikingly good line drawings from photographs by the author, add very greatly to the interest and value of the book.

About a year ago, the First General Conference for the Evangelization of Russia was held in the Moody Tabernacle, Chicago, and a complete report of the addresses given at that conference has been published under the title of **Good News for Russia**, edited by Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, Ph. D. (The Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago, paper 60c. net, cloth, \$1.00 net). The book is a valuable encyclopedic account of Christian effort and opportunity amongst a people of vast numbers and remarkable history, whom few understand, but in whom all thinking persons are interested. It should have a wide circulation.

"I have never tried to do anything else but preach, I have had no other ambition. If I can preach the highest and best truth I know, clearly and convincingly, that, I know, will be the best service I can render to my kind." So writes Washington Gladden in a prefatory note to his latest book of sermons, issued very shortly before his recent death, under the title, **The Interpreter** (The Pilgrim Press, Boston, 268 pages, \$1.50 net). He had completed fifty-eight years as a preacher, and was known for a generation or more and on both sides of the sea as an authority on the gospel in its relation to social and industrial conditions and problems. There are fourteen sermons in the volume, in addition to the one from which the book takes its title. It is sound and strong expository preaching, with keen applications, especially within the field indicated above. To any one, preacher or otherwise, who wants to get at the roots of the "social" gospel, Dr. Gladden's book may be commended.

The Growth of a Work of God, is the apt sub-title of a substantial volume entitled **Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission**, by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor (Morgan and Scott, London, China Inland Mission, Toronto, 639 pages, portrait and map, \$2.50). Every one who knows about Foreign Missions has heard about Hudson Taylor, and how, depending entirely on prayer to God for the