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Rev. R. G. MacBeth is recognized as an authority on missionary information, and especially in regard to the vast missionary areas west of the Great Lakes. The present brochure, **Our Task in Canada** (The Westminster Company, Toronto, 146 pages, 50c.) has been issued under the auspices of our Presbyterian Home Mission Board. It is admirable reading, telling, as it does, in racy fashion of the needs and the work and the future prospects of our missionary territory in all parts of Canada. As himself of Red River stock, Mr. MacBeth is particularly happy in his descriptions of Western ways and problems. His book should be of eminent present service to the great Home Mission cause.

A scientific survey to date, describes the seven substantial volumes (from about 175 to 315 pages per volume), entitled **Men and Religion Messages** (Association Press, 124 East 23rd St., New York). The published Messages comprise the Reports of the Seven Commissions of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, on Social Service, Evangelism, Christian Unity, Publicity, Missions, Boys' Work, and the Rural Church which were presented to the great closing Congress of the Movement held in New York in April last; together with the principal addresses delivered at the Congress. The volumes are of exceptional value. Their facts and figures are first hand and down to date. The outlook has been very wide, and the survey careful. The conclusions reached are such as set one thinking, and point the way in several branches of the urgent work for men and boys. And there is more than a survey. The reports and addresses create a stimulating atmosphere, which will freshen every Christian worker to breathe. Many will like to have these seven volumes, and certainly they should have a place in every Sunday School, Young People's, and Public Library.

Close akin to Men and Religion Messages are two wire-bound sets of schedules, with directions, the one for **Community Study for Country Districts**, the other **Community Study for Cities**, issued by the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada (about 100 pages each). The books are so bound that they can be taken apart for use each schedule by itself in the survey to be made. The plans and questions are exceedingly suggestive and the material is in handy form.

"The heart of Chicago's Whitechapel district: all around here live men and women to whom there are no unknown depths of degradation. The last stand of the hope-abandoned, en route to Potter's Field, is hereabouts." It is in these unpromising surroundings that Clara E. Laughlin plants **The Penny Philanthropist** (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 215 pages, \$1.00 net), Peggy, the proprietor of the Halsted St. "News Imporium." Peggy is altogether shrewd and charming; and especially has she discovered how far a penny a day goes in making some one who may happen to drift past her, as she chatters and sells in her little street news stand, happier and better. There are dynamite and detectives—the great Burns one of them—and plenty of other things to keep the reader

on the *qui vive*; but best of all Peggy herself, who shows the way to bigger capitalists than she in getting joy for oneself out of lending a hand and giving a lift to the "under do."

A good "baby doctor" is a treasure, and, like most other treasures, somewhat hard to find. Dr. Roger H. Dennett, the author of **The Healthy Baby: The Care and Feeding of Infants in Sickness and in Health**, is the sort of baby doctor that is worth while, for he not only understands babies and their ailments, but he evidently understands mothers and their limitations, so that we have in this volume of 235 pages (The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Toronto, \$1.00), the plainest possible directions as to the care of infants and young children. The book, as the author says, is intended "to make clear to the mother just how to do best the ordinary every day things that every mother has to do for her child." "We should send our child out in life equipped with the right kind of body, as well as the right kind of mind," says Dr. Dennett, and to this end his book has been written. The author is an eminent specialist; and the mother of the most ordinary intelligence gets the advantage of his knowledge in plain words. It would be hard to find anything more understandable and more sensible. An interesting addendum to the book is a series of blank pages for the record of weight up to ten years, also record of foods, and talking, teething, health record, etc. Altogether a thoroughly practical book.

The International Review of Missions: A Quarterly Review issued by the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, 1910 (100 Princes Street, Edinburgh, \$2 per annum; single copies 75c. net, with the Oct.-Dec. number completes its first volume, making in all 764 pages of solid and most useful missionary material. The Review has its eye on the whole world of missions, the present issue dealing, for instance, in articles of weight and authority, with the various phases of the mission situation and problem in South Africa, China, Moslem lands, and India. A notable pronouncement is that by Count Okuma—"A Japanese Statesman's View of Christianity in Japan." Minna Gulick, of a famous missionary family, deals with **The Share of Women in the Administration of Missions**. Perhaps the most valuable feature of the International Review to the student of missions is its review of missionary books and its extensive missionary bibliography. The editor is Rev. J. H. Oldham, Secretary of the Continuation Committee.

THE COPP, CLARK COMPANY:—**Sky Island**, by L. Frank Baum; 288 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.25.

McCLELLAND AND GOODCHILD:—**The Mountain Girl**, by Payne Erskine; 312 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.25 net.

FLEMING H. REVELL:—**The Master of "The Oaks"**, by Caroline Abbott Stanley; 389 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.25 net.

WILLIAM BRIGGS:—**The Long Patrol: A Tale of the Mounted Police**, by H. A. Cody; 310 pages; \$1.25.