

The Temple and the Sage. By V. C. HART, D.D. Author of "Western China," etc. Wm. Briggs, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. C. W. Coates, Montreal. S. F. Huestis, Halifax.

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