

A delightful little book of missionary travel. It leads via the Trans-Siberian Railway, traverses very much of China. It is told in a splendid, free style and illuminated with kodak reproductions. This Keswich missionary does not neglect his main business nor does he fail to keep an eye out for what is passing.

The Shinto Cult: A Christian Study of the Ancient Religion of Japan. By Melton S. Terry, D.D., Lecturer in Comparative Religion in Garrett Bible Institute. Cincinnati. 1910. Jennings & Graham. Pages 98.

The author holds that Shinto is not only a religion but rather emphatically the religion of the Japanese. He gives a very clear account of the system, so far as it is a system. While in one section he clearly recognizes that Confucianism and Buddhism have influenced the native faith and gives some recognition also to Animism, in the body of his discussion the author confuses Confucian and Buddhistic elements with Shinto and so presents a picture of a composite set of beliefs rather than the Shinto system. We have, however, a very vital picture of the historic faith of the Japanese people.

The Christian Movement in Japan. Eighth annual issue. Edited by D. C. Greene and E. M. Fisher. Tokyo. 1910. The Conference of Federated Missions. Pages 685.

This edition of the Missionary Annual of Japan has the unusual value of containing the principal papers and addresses before the semi-centennial conference commemorating the planting of Protestant Christianity in Japan. These papers have not been published together in any other form. No other publication gives the full survey of Christian work in Japan.

IV. BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Commentary on the Gospel According to Matthew. By Prof. A. T. Robertson, A.M., D.D. New York. The Macmillan Company. Pages 294. Cloth, 60 cents.

This attractive volume belongs to "The Bible for Home and School" series which is under the general editorship of

Professor Shailer Matthews. This series seeks to put within the reach of preachers and Sunday school teachers the results of the best recent scholarship in compact form and in a spirit of "loyalty to the Scriptures as a foundation of Christian thought and life".

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The comments are brief and the point scholarly and judicious. The introduction, which covers fifty pages, is a capital piece of work. Abreast of the most recent work on the sources of the Gospel, the author leaves you with the impression not that the Gospel is an uncertain mixture of uncertain sources, but a thoroughly reliable history by one who possessed full knowledge and wrote with purpose and power. Two appendices complete the book, one on "The Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs" and the other on "The Language and Style of the Gospel of Matthew", both of which show the same mastery of the material and the same good judgment as the rest of the work.

This would be an invaluable series if all the volumes should prove as accurate in scholarship, as clear in exposition, and as conservative in conviction as this. J. H. FARMER.

Some Elements of the Religious Teaching of Jesus According to the Synoptic Gospels. Being the Jowett Lectures for 1910. By C. G. Montefiore. Macmillan Company. New York and London. 1910. Pages 171. Price 75 cents.

The author is one of the foremost modern Jewish philanthropists and leaders. He is quite aware of the fact that much of the importance of his discussion is due to his standpoint. It is a tragedy that a modern Jew comes to the study of the teachings of the greatest Jew of all time, to say no more, as a stranger and an outsider. Mr. Montefiore is the author of a Commentary upon the Synoptic Gospels and does not assume