

burgh conference and not only speaks under the inspiration of that meeting but draws upon the matured reports of its "commissions" for information and conclusions.

Dr. Jones discusses the problems and the promise of missions from the standpoint of the home churches and the foreign workers with rather unusual calmness and balance of judgment. He nowhere seeks to be novel or original but everywhere to weigh and credit the considerations upon which must be settled many questions that face those who undertake to make Christianity the religion of all men. The author does not at all shun the commonplace but seems, with calm dignity, to lay the whole series of missionary problems before his readers. He does not hesitate to give his own views nor fail to respect the views of others.

In some matters of detail we do not find ourselves in full agreement with him, but we do feel always that he is giving the average reader a very adequate and clear view of the needs, problems, resources and prospects of the world work of the Gospel. This is one of the first class of books of recent missionary literature.

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**Jesus and the Seekers: The Saviour of the World and the Sages of the World.** By Newton H. Marshall, M.A., Ph.D., author of "Theology and Truth," "Atonement and Progress," "Conversion," etc. London. James Clarke & Co., and The Kingsgate Press. 206 pages. 2 shillings 6 pence net.

The seekers here compared and contrasted with Jesus are Buddha, Mahomet, Confucius, Socrates, Nietzsche, Tolstoy; with whom and their teachings are included also the systems of Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity. While there is little new material in these chapters there is very much of freshness and vigor. With a keen insight and an almost too genial appreciation does Dr. Marshall appraise these great religious seekers and leaders, only to show wherein they fail and fall into another class when put face to face with Jesus. Very searching, very frank and very bold is the exposition of Christianity's

defects and failures when compared with the Lord's teaching and life.

One cannot quite agree with the estimates set upon Socrates and Tolstoy. In spite of their very great worth both were afflicted with idiosyncracies that so marred their methods and their effectiveness and power as to place them a little less high than Dr. Marshall does.

Nietsche has nothing like the influence in this country attributed to him in Great Britain by our author. One suspects that the author attributes to the personal influence of this erratic genius much antagonism to Jesus and his ideals that find their source elsewhere.

The spirit and style of the work are of the best.

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**With Christ in Russia.** By Robert Sloan Latimer, author of "Under Three Tsars," "D. Baedeker and his Apostolic Work in Russia," "Charles Waters of the I. B. R. A.," etc. New York and London. Hodder and Stoughton, 250 pages.

No more significant religious awakening is to be found in the world today than that in Russia; no more strategic evangelical opportunity; no more urgent need for sympathetic and wise guidance of a simple-minded and excitable, but devout and fervid multitude of believers in Christ, ignorant of the ways of a practical and stable faith.

Mr. Latimer, long an enthusiastic student of the Evangelical work and needs of Russia, last year made a tour of parts of Russia and in conference with Fetler and other prominent leaders of the new order of the Gospel in that land, wrote a thrilling account of such aspects of the situation as fell under his view and came to his inquiring notice. The perils and the promise of the awakening, the sufferings and the successes of the workers, the fidelity and the failings of the followers of Christ are presented in striking stories. The book is more a series of sketches than a systematic review of the situation. It will interest any reader and thrill any one concerned for the on-coming of the Kingdom of God.

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