

pretation of the history of missions, preceded by an outline of the Scripture basis of missions and enforcing the present urgent demand and promise.

Mr. Davis has borrowed his title from an erroneous reading of a prophetic passage, but has given a good discussion of missions in the light of Scripture, history and experience. His historical section is so brief as to be scrappy and unsatisfactory.

Dr. Miller has given the most cogent and harmonious discussion of the four, basing the "call" in the present imperious opportunity growing out of the history of the idea and work of missions from the Old Testament era down to the present time. No better general survey of the history has been written, but detail cannot, of course, find much place in a brief volume. At certain stages he takes for granted much that is of the greatest importance and devotes undue attention to relatively less significant features. Presumably this is because he assumes a full knowledge of the outstanding features of the history on the part of his readers.

The last of the four volumes is a singular work and one of exceptional interest. The author has long been a missionary in India. Evidently a close student of the principles and history, he discusses the principles in connection with facts and experiences in India. Thus he illustrates and expounds Scripture teaching and the main features of the doctrine and method of missionary work.

One thinks that none of these books deals with the Scriptures and other phases of mission teaching with quite sufficient recognition of the current critical attitude of British thought. The treatises are not in themselves conventional, but their general appeal to the subject is so.

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Can the World Be Won For Christ? By Norman MacLean. New York and London. 1910. Hodder and Stoughton (George H. Doran Company). xii+194 pages. \$1.25 net.

It was inevitable that we should have an extensive litera-

ture in connection with the World Conference at Edinburgh. And it is well that it is so. Already there are several volumes growing out of the meetings, aside from the official report of the meetings. This is one, and a very good one indeed. The author was a special correspondent. He did not report but interpreted and applied what transpired. Then he added several chapters of reflection to his work at the time and produced a splendid little volume of twelve chapters which treat with comprehensive brevity the subject suggested by the title.

It is to be regretted that the author has such vague and faulty notions of the principles involved in the relations of church and state. Christ cannot conquer the world if His servants depend upon the state to support His agencies.

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Christ and the Nations. An Examination of Old and New Testament Teaching. By Arthur J. Tait, B.D., Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Liverpool. London. 1910. Hodder and Stoughton. xvi+247 pages. \$1.50 net.

It is most gratifying that at length there is an extensive interest in the study of missions in the Bible. Four volumes distinctly marked by such study are reviewed in this issue of this Quarterly. This volume by Principal Tait aims at tracing through all stages of the Old Testament, the Jewish Apocrypha and the New Testament the truth that God's Messianic purpose and revelation contemplated from the beginning the entire race. The principle of progressiveness in revelation is distinctly recognized.

There is careful attention in the volume to the demands of criticism. Indeed there is rather more of critical notes than is well for a popular work.

There are many passages and some phases of Scripture of which the author either makes no mention or from which he fails to gain the fullness of their meaning for his thesis. Particularly is this true of his treatment of Isaiah and Paul, as also of some of the Psalms. It is highly disappointing to find him going outside his main course to give in an "Addi-