

China and the World War. By W. Reginald Wheeler of the Faculty of Hangchow College. Illustrated. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1919. 263 pp. \$1.75.

This work forms with those of Kawakami and Overlach, reviewed in this issue, a trio of highly important expressions of principle and opinion. Kawakami is a proponent of the interests and aims of Japan, presented with more of frankness than has heretofore characterized this able writer. Overlach represents the deliberate, calculating interests of capital exploiting commercial opportunity, while Wheeler voices the humane consciousness in the aspirating hopes of an order of international justice and human brotherhood.

Professor Wheeler has given us a detailed story, from his viewpoint, of China's part in the war, of her experiences during the war and of her hopes for the future in the outcome of the war. His book was completed a few weeks before the armistice of 1918. The high hopes expressed by the author in his own words and in quotations from some of the noblest Chinese publicists and friends of China sound pathetic in the face of their serious disappointment in the course of events at the Paris Peace Conference. At best, every great hope of China was deferred by that great body. Heartsick China must now wait for the League of Nations which seems likely to be so constituted and controlled as to leave "the great powers" still to ignore the fundamental rights of peoples to free self-determination. The immediate world outlook, truly, is not hopeful for any general applications of the high principles for which the war was professedly fought to so glorious a finish.

In eight chapters that thrill with facts that would be dry but for the consciousness that they are dealing with the life concerns of the most populous race of the world, our author stirs the blood of the reader while he sketches "I. The Attack Upon the Chinese Republic From Without During the First Year of the War"; "II. The Attack * * * From Within, During the Second Year of the War"; "III. The Progress in Chinese Republican Government, Leading to a New Foreign Policy"; "IV. China's Severance of Diplomatic Relations With the Central Powers"; "V. The Declaration of War Against Germany and Austria"; "VI. The Lansing-Ishii Agreement * * *"; "VII. The Chinese-Japanese Military Agreement of 1918"; "VIII. China's Future as Affected by the Aims of the Allies". To these are added in highly valuable Appendices: 1. The "Black Dragon" statement in 1914, of Japanese policy in China; 2. Documents relating to the famous (infamous) demand made on China in 1915; 3. Official statements of Japan and America in relation to the Lansing-Ishii agreement; 4. "Summary of Treaties and Agreements With Reference to the Integrity of China, the 'Open Door' Policy and 'Equality of Opportuni-

ties''; 5. "Summary of Treaties and Agreements With Reference to Korea"; 6. A highly valuable "Introductory Bibliography on China".

It will be obvious that in so limited a volume only the outstanding facts and features of so many matters of first importance can find place, but they are handled with uncommon skill and will give the reader a good insight into the tremendous issues involved.

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Making Missions Real. Demonstrations and Map Talks for Teen Age Groups. By Jay S. Stowell and Others. The Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati, 1919. 192 pp. 75 cts. net.

These eighteen chapters cover, besides all the mission fields, motives to missions, types of mission work, principles of stewardship, Bible translation. They are all admirably constructed and arranged for presentation by the young people, with all needful suggestions for "putting them on". They will afford entertainment, give instruction, arouse interest and call to high service.

The little book also makes delightful reading, although intended for public presentation.

International Aspects of Christianity. By Ozora S. Davis and Grace T. Davis. Association Press, New York, 1919. 207 pp. \$1.00.

Here is an unique study class book. In form it is like many of the recent splendid issues of the Y. M. C. A.; daily studies upon weekly topics, running through a series of weeks, fifteen in this instance. The foundations are laid in Biblical studies; "Prophet Patriots", from the Old Testament; three from the teachings of the Master; one from Paul. Then on this foundation ten studies are based on Bunyan "At the Interpreter's House"; Roman Catholic saints of the Middle Ages; the Salvation Army; Dan Crawford; Thinking Back; Royce's Philosophy of the World Community; T. DeWitt Hyde's Doctrine of Good Will; etc., ending with "The Voice of the Churches" in "A Manual of Inter-Church Work" by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The breadth of general culture and of Christian teaching in this course of studies is little less than marvelous. One would not always fully approve the selections nor be able always to accept the comments, but one can rejoice in the opportunity here afforded young people in college to get acquainted with the universal spirit of Christianity. No class and no individual can master these studies without gaining a broad and essentially true sympathy with the world ideals of the Lord Jesus.

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