

to books, pamphlets and magazines where more complete information is available. These references include probably the best books in the English language on the subjects dealt with. The appendix contains some valuable matter important as furnishing side-lights on the history. The book is rich in pictures, typical and representative, which both adorn and illustrate its pages. It contains also a fine mission map of Japan, giving stations and statistics, and has a complete index making the contents easily available for use in mission study classes. The chapters on Christian Education, Philanthropic and Sociological Movements, and Religious Liberty in Japan are especially interesting and suggestive. The book is well printed and beautifully bound.

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The Encyclopedia of Missions. Descriptive, Historical, Biographical, Statistical.

Second Edition, edited under the auspices of the Bureau of Missions, by Rev. Henry Otis Dwight, LL.D., Rev. Allen Tupper, Jr., D.D., and Rev. Edwin Munsell Bliss, D. D. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York and London. 1904. \$6.00.

So great an enterprise as Christian Missions must needs have its Encyclopedia. After twelve years, too, this encyclopedia must be revised. It is said that in science a book more than ten years old is to be thrown away. So far as accurate information is concerned this statement is well within the truth. After a few years books of science become only records of stages in the progress of knowledge and theory. But in missions it is quite as impossible to rely on information in any but new works. No greater growth is anywhere to be found than in the expanding achievement and the growing conceptions of Christian Missions.

It seems a pity that this new edition should be made smaller than the first. It is, however, thus brought into wider circulation and more extensive use. Again the information is better digested and more definitely stated, than in the older edition, appendices crowded with

statistical matter are added, greatly enhancing the value of the volume.

Many of the articles are prepared by experts and are of the highest value.

The title of the work transcends its scope. In the first place Catholic missions have no place in it and so it should be designated an Encyclopedia of Protestant missions. Again it has very little of missions before the modern era and next to nothing preceding the Reformation period, so that it does not cover the whole field of history. Nor do we find more than very meagre treatment of topics involving the philosophy of missions. What we have outside the Modern Protestant Missionary epoch is all written from the stand-point of this epoch.

For a work of this size, more could not be expected, but the name is misleading.

Little was to be expected in the way of prospective but a better regard to proportion was quite within the limits of expectation. The relative importance of societies, field, and workers is by no means truly reflected in the space allotted them.

Yet, after all criticisms are allowed full force, the work remains a highly desirable volume for every missionary student and practical worker. It is the only encyclopedia of missions. That would make its use imperative. It represents the results of laborious, elaborate, painstaking, costly investigations. That gives it high worth.

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The Pastor and Modern Missions.

By John R. Mott, M. A. New York. 1904.

As the leader of the Student Volunteer movement and in other ways John R. Mott, has made himself one of the leading missionary figures and forces in the world. His extensive travels in all parts of the world have fitted him in a peculiar way to understand the problems, needs and force of the missionary enterprise both at home and