

"Missions in the Plan of the Ages" must have a place in every minister's library; it ought to go into every layman's home. We shall have new missionary preaching as we grasp these wonderful studies. It is the sweep of vision that makes a man. This book creates a world vision. There is a world-throb beating through every paragraph, because the author has caught the movement, the rhythm, of the heart of God, pulsating through the Book he has given to us. The Jews misread their scriptures, and so crucified their Lord; we are in danger of misreading the Scriptures, and so defeating the mission of our Lord, and hindering the divine plan of the ages, which is a world redeemed to God. Plainly, then, we see that missions is a synonym for world-evangelism; the modern missionary impulse is the rediscovery of the plan of God. The plan of God must be the working plan of his children. Any other gospel is a misnomer, unworthy a place in the Christian's thought, or in the minister's commission.

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Mission und Evangelisation im Orient. Von D. Julius Richter, Pfarrer in Schwaubeck (Belzig), Herausgeber der *Ev. Missionen*. Gütersloh, 1908. Druck und Verlag von C. Bertelsmann. Seite 320. 4.50 M., gebunden 5:50 M.

Here we have the second volume of Richter's *Allgemeine Evangelische Missionsgeschichte*. It is pleasant to know that the history of evangelical missions has been undertaken on an adequate scale. The first volume which appeared two years ago gave us the history for India. By the Orient as discussed in this volume readers in America will need to be told that the "Nearer East" is meant. The countries in review are the Turkish Empire, discussed in several chapters under its subdivisions; Persia, Egypt and Abyssinia. But first of all we have an extended discussion of the Mohammedan world and the Oriental Churches, in Chapter I. Chapter II. tells of the earlier missionary efforts of Henry Martyn, the Church Missionary Society, and the Basel Mission to the Caucasus. Thence taking up the various political divisions in order the problems and the

progress of the work are narrated with thoroughness, system and sympathetic insight. An appendix discusses the work of the Bible Societies. Statistical tables are added also.

There is no more instructive field for missionary study than just that covered in this volume, and recent and current events in this territory give it especial interest and value for the missionary student at the moment. Dr. Richter's volume, with its thoroughness and comprehensiveness is opportune for this need.

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Die Lebenskräfte des Evangeliums. Missionserfahrungen innerhalb des Animistischen Heidentums. Von Joh. Warneck, lic. theol., Missionar. Berlin, 1908. Verlag von Martin Warneck. Seite XI+327.

The author of this volume has had peculiar opportunities for missionary study; reared in the family of his illustrious father, Professor Gustav Warneck, the great missionary student and teacher and writer; and then himself a missionary for some years already. He shares his father's deep piety and spiritual views of religion and of the missionary enterprise as also facility and clearness as a writer. In this volume he has undertaken to give us a picture of the condition and need of heathenism viewed from the standpoint of its religious defectiveness. The religious principle is recognized and the worth of religious striving, while emphasis is also laid on the bondage and impotence of heathen religion. The necessity for the missionary's understanding the religion and the feeling of the people to whom he goes is pointed out, and then we have set down in clear, distinct analysis the spiritual gifts of the Gospel to the heathen. The missionary is to come with his message as a message of revelation and authority, not to compete with the native religion in polemics nor in scorn but as the response to the needs of the soul so poorly met in his idolatry. The heathen will then find in the Gospel when he comes to know it Truth, the living God, Release from fear and bondage to ghosts and demons, Divine Love, Morality, Hope of everlasting Life.

The study will be valuable especially for any who contem-