

ple of Burma. It is so transparently true to the actual conditions and deals so simply with so much that a more learned work would omit, that it is really full of the very best of learning. It is such a book as a child would delight in and a man find more interesting than the child does. There are some marks of carelessness in the preparation, but these go to help the impression of the remarkably busy and competent medical missionary.

The book ought to prove a sort of campaign document for the work of Foreign Missions. The great need stares one in the face on every page, and the worth of the work is equally evident. All this with the most natural of straightforward tales.

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The Mohammedan World To-day. Being Papers Read at the First Missionary Conference on Behalf of the Mohammedan World, held at Cairo, April 4-9, 1906.

Edited by S. M. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., E. M. Wherry, D.D., James L. Barton. Fleming H. Revell Co., N. Y. Pages, 302.

Until recently the Mohammedan world was generally regarded as an almost hopeless field for missionary endeavor. But there are evidences of a reviving faith in the power of the Gospel among the Mohammedans, among them this Conference at Cairo last spring. The book consists of nineteen brief papers, most of which were read at the Cairo Conference, and which give a brief view of Islam and missionary work among its devotees in all quarters of the Mohammedan world. The point of view is, of course, that of the missionary who is seeking to convert the Mohammedan, and yet the outlook is broad and sympathetic. One at this distance can not, of course, judge of the accuracy of the representations, but they make the impression of fairness and justness. On the whole, the tone is distinctly hopeful. The door is open for missionary work among all Moslems under non-Moslem governments, and this means more than half the whole number; in some quarters there have been many converts who have shown high character; the Scriptures are widely read among the Mohammedans in

some lands and the desire for an education is breaking up their conservatism and leading some of them to seek an education even in Christian schools. In summing up Mr. Zwemer says: "The outlook everywhere is not hopeless, but hopeful, and the great task to which Christ calls His church at the beginning of the twentieth century is the evangelization of the Mohammedan world." The book is provided with valuable maps, charts and statistical tables. On the whole, it presents an excellent, compact survey of the present condition and needs of the Mohammedan world.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

Japan.

By David Murray, Ph.D., LL.D., Superintendent of Education in the Empire of Japan, and Adviser to the Imperial Minister of Education, from 1873 to 1879. Revised Edition, Comprising the History to the Close of 1905, with the Provisions of the Treaty of Portsmouth between Russia and Japan, and Supplementary Chapters by Baron Kentaro Naneko, LL.D. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. London, T. Fisher Unwin, 1906. XII + 551. Illustrations and maps. Price, \$1.50.

A new volume for Japan in "The Story of the Nations" series for Japan was a necessity, and nothing better could be done, perhaps, than to give us a new edition of this work by Dr. Murray, whose training and facilities made him especially well fitted for the work.

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IV. PRACTICAL AND DEVOTIONAL.

The Ancestry of Our English Bible.

By Ira Maurice Price, Ph.D., University of Chicago. The Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia. 1907. Pages, 330.

In this admirable book Prof. Price has done the public a real service. In these twenty-five chapters he presents in concise and popular form a description of the prin-