

reporting truly that which an agile spirit can see in the daily happening. There is a fine philosophy of missionary practice exhibited obviously but not ostentatiously. There are glimpses into the inner working of the Kiowa mind and revelations of the primitive soul of him, that are most welcome. The achievements of ten years of lonely toil are inspiring in the highest degree. One may sometimes feel that this or that might have been differently told but one dares oneself to say he wants it changed. There is a vigorous piety that knows how to pray without a prayer hour, and no cant or coddling. It is a genuine "wild west" work of the "sky pilot" order. It is a great book and all who heed this word will thank me for it. One must give the proof reader a gentle punch, in passing, so that he may be a little more awake on his next job.

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Japan To-day and To-morrow. By Hamilton Wright Mabie, Author of "American Ideals, Character and Life." New York: The Macmillan Company, 1914. 291 pp. \$2.00 net.

If one knows Japan in the fine historical interpretation of Griffis, has studied its inner development in the fine scientific interpretation of Gulick, has appreciated Japan in the rather sentimental and sometimes superficial sympathy of Hearn, and has gone into the inner soul of Japan under the guidance of Nitobe, then one will find here a fine summary and some new suggestions for his thinking of this subtle and important people. If one has not had the advantage of such studies Mabie's volume will be a delightful revelation to him, provided one is interested in the things of the spirit of humanity. For, in the thinking of the Author, "The real question is not 'what do the Japanese do and how do they do it,' but 'of what spirit are they and for what do they care most?'"

Hence, "in this book the attempt is made to convey an impression of the genius of the Japanese people, not by definition nor by characterization, but by making clear its reflection in the vital landscape of the country." "The *vital landscape* of

the country," that is a fine phrase. And it is much more than a fine phrase. And if one gets the meaning of it the reviewer has done his full duty when he tells the reader that this book gives us a fine view of that "vital landscape." Mabie went to Japan to tell the Japanese of the "American ideals, character and life" and we have read his report of us with revealing interest. While he was telling them of us he was getting a first hand view of the Japanese so as to tell us now of them and he does it in fine style. The pictures greatly help. The publishers have done their best in making up the book and the Macmillan's best is good enough for anybody, even if Nitobe is spelled wrong once.

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The New Home Missions: An Account of Their Social Redirection. By Harlan Paul Douglass, Author of "Christian Reconstruction in the South." xv+266 pp.

The Social Aspects of Foreign Missions. By William Herbert Perry Faunce, President of Brown University. x+309 pp. New York: Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, 1914. Received through the Foreign Mission Board, Education Department, Richmond, Va. Cloth, 50c; paper, 40c.

These are the first fruits of the recent unification of the mission study programs and "constitute authorized current study material for the entire constituency of the American Protestant Church." "The American Protestant Church" is an objectionable term because it represents no objective entity either actual or desirable. But the unification of general studies in missions is desirable and the beginning made in these two works is of such high order that only obstinate prejudice can withhold approval or restrain use. The committee begin well with a work on each *home* and *foreign* missions. They begin well also in having both presented first of all from the sociological standpoint. And both books proceed also on the assumption that the evangelical purpose and the evangelistic method are basal in all missionary work.

Dr. Douglass conceives that the *territorial frontier* in America has been wiped out and that geographically the home mission