

He is emphatic in recognizing the unwisdom of Christianizing nations by force and sees in that bad practice the explanation of Europe's sorry condition today. The nations are not really Christian. It is not often, moreover, one finds an Anglican writer using language like the following respecting Constantine's influence: "We can entertain little doubt that the compromise between paganism and Christianity which he effected was disastrous of the best interests of the Christian Church."

There is much interesting biography, much that tells of noble Christian heroism and devotion, and not a little to make one sadder and wiser. It is a valuable compendium that scholars will wish to have and which no large library should be without. There is added a bibliography of more than thirty pages. I note that Cathcart's "Ancient British and Irish Churches" is not on the list—a perhaps significant omission. For throughout there seems to run the quiet assumption that the Church polity of the early centuries was all episcopal, though the fact quoted from Harnack that by 300 A. D. "almost every town of any considerable size in Italy had a bishop or at any rate a Christian community", suggests that bishops were rather like our pastors than Anglican bishops.

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A Tour of the Missions: Observations and Conclusions. By Augustus Hopkins Strong, D.D., LL.D., President Emeritus of the Rochester Theological Seminary. Philadelphia, 1918. xxii-|-223 pp. \$1.50 net.

Dr. Strong tells here in the familiar way of a man of full experience and rather objective looking on what he saw in various missions as he journeyed among them in easy fashion; and then gives us some essays on such topics as "The Renaissance of India", "Missions and Scripture", "Scripture and Missions", "The Theology of Missions", "Missions and Missionaries". The accounts of travel and the experiences in various places and the comments on men and matters are very engaging reading and often shed new light on situations.

The essays constitute an argument and plea for the old theology and the evangelical faith.

It all shows the unflinching vigor of this man of God who has been a tower of strength for so many years.

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Ancient Times. A History of the Early World. By James Henry Breasted, Ph.D. Ginn & Company. Boston. 762 pp. \$1.60.

Dr. Breasted has written an astonishingly able and interesting textbook for the first year in high school. The maps and pictures on every page all to the charm of the book. It aims to trace the history of man