

as at the deliverance from Babylon. The chapters have already done service in a magazine, and having proved of benefit to those who want food for the soul from the Word of God, are sent out afresh with a word of commendation from Bishop Handley Moule.

III. RELIGION AND MISSIONS.

History of Christian Missions. By Charles Henry Robinson, D.D., Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral and Editorial Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. New York, 1915. Charles Scribner's Sons. XIV-[-533 pp. \$2.50 net.

The author of this volume had no delusions about the magnitude of his undertaking. A full history of Christian Missions is already an impossibility. An outline alone is possible. Of the two main fields for such a history, viz., the development of missionary interest and organization of missions and the growth of missionary work in the various countries—Dr. Robinson has chosen to limit his work mainly to the latter, and to content himself with drawing conclusions for the home agencies from the experiences of the workers, and to a brief summary of “the Dawn of Modern Missions.” His plan, then, is to take the missionary fields, by geographical division, and to outline the efforts and results, inserting, however, critical and practical observations along the way. For example the chapter on India opens with a discussion of “the connection which, it is often maintained, exists between the Baghavad Gita and other Hindu literature and the Christian Scriptures; notes concerning missionary methods are then introduced at various points in the midst of the outlines and annals of work in India.

It is a disappointment not to be able to join the chorus of praise with which this History has been received. Its plan, so far as it has one, does not seem to me good. Some more extensive and orderly account of the rise and development of missionary interest and activity should have been given or the subject would better have been left alone altogether. The genral plan of a detailed account of work in each country is desirable, but when we come to these chapters we find the material poorly organized and no adequate principle of proportion applied.

Worst of all, the book is filled with inaccuracies. Dates, names and facts are so often misstated as to leave the reader with no secure guidance. That these errors are usually in minor and not in major matters relieves the fault but by no means can excuse it or leave us with a satisfactory volume.

What we have, then, is a large volume of materials for studying the history of missions that will be very useful, but which the student will need to supplement and verify as he uses them.

I am very far from setting the book aside as useless. In its collection of materials and in its general handling of them it is the best, so far as it goes, that we have, but its defects and errors make it far from what is needed.

The volume belongs to "The International Theological Library."

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The Jubilee Story of the China Inland Mission. With Portraits, Illustrations and Map. By Marshall Broomhall, M.A., Editorial Secretary. China Inland Mission, Philadelphia, 1915. XVI+386 pp. Superior edition, \$1.25; cheaper edition, 75 cts.

The China Inland Mission has now completed a half century of history. With a thousand missionaries, 754 native churches with 35,000 living members and 15,000 more who have passed on to the presence of the redeeming God, this enterprise, begun in the hesitation and yet in the boldness of faith, has done well to tell its story again in its jubilee year. And the story is well told. Mrs. Howard Taylor (then Miss Geraldine Guinness) told the story of the first thirty years in two thrilling volumes. These earlier years had been years testing, learning, experiment. The later years have been years of harvest, expansion, triumph. It is a story too great to be briefly told, but Mr. Broomhall has so combined condensation and clearness, has so analyzed and illuminated the subject that the fifty short chapters make a complete, however condensed, story of the methods, principles and work of the mission.

"The record of what has been accomplished by faith and prayer is calculated to stimulate and encourage men and women