

become "necessary thoroughly to revise the work and bring all the facts and figures up-to-date." Truly this was necessary if the work were to be worth while. With the profession of author and publishers that this has been done it is painful to have to write the simple truth and say that the pretense is deceiving. We have sometimes on the same page, and in the same paragraph figures from the first and second editions unrevised and figures revised for this edition. Unless a reader has previous knowledge or has the former editions at hand for comparison he has no means of knowing the time to which his statistics apply, and is imposed upon. Moreover to undertake to print the Missionary history of China, India and Japan, to go no further, from plates made eighteen years ago and now only slightly modified is absurd, and would be ludicrous if it were not a serious wrong against the public.

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A History of American Baptist Missions. Revised Edition with Centennial Supplement. By Edmund F. Merriam, author of "The American Baptist Missionary Union and its Missions," etc. Philadelphia, 1913. American Baptist Publication Society. xxix+288 pages. 50 cents net, postage 10 cents.

This is a reprint of the edition of 1900 (there is a misprint, 1910, on the copyright page) with slight modifications, and the addition, as an appendix, of a brief but valuable "Centennial Supplement" giving facts pertinent to the Centenary of the beginning of American Baptist foreign missions.

The work is limited but very well done. It is a pity we might not have had a new and complete history in this Centennial year. But all should have this.

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Mothering on Perilous. By Lucy Furman; with Illustrations by Mary Lane McMillan and F. R. Gruger, New York, 1913. The Macmillan Company. xii+310 pages. \$1.50 net.

This is a rare book in its combination of information, entertainment and human appeal. It has the form of the diary of a bereaved young woman who went to a Kentucky mountain