

West, or the Lure of the Farm," are illuminating as well as highly interesting.

The chapter on "Heroism in Home Missions" suggests some matters of great importance for consideration. The suggestion that the seminaries train and inspire men especially for this work as they do for foreign missions is eminently pertinent. But the trouble is with the home mission societies and their ideals, not with the seminaries, which can do little to remedy the matter under present ideals of the boards.

In discussing the question: "Are Western Towns Over-churched?" the author calls attention to some facts and features too commonly unknown and overlooked by those who theorize so emphatically on this subject.

The chapter on the Indian is one of the most encouraging discussions of that subject and falls in with a general return to better ideas concerning the future of "the Red Man."

Intimate glimpses of the life and experiences of the missionaries in the West are given. The work is one of interest to readers and profit to the work of the Kingdom.

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**South America; Observations and Impressions.** By James Bryce, author of "The Holy Roman Empire," "The American Commonwealth," etc. With Maps. New Edition. Corrected and Revised. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1914. xiv+612 pp. \$2.50 net.

Upon its appearance two years ago this work at once took rank as a work of first importance, most of all because of the just reputation of its distinguished author, because also of its comprehensive and thoughtful character in a field not too well supplied with competent discussions.

The author's trained mind enabled him to plan his four months' journey and study in South America with a view to the most vital investigation and observations, while his world-wide reputation at once placed at his command all the men and facilities that could promote the purposes of his travel study. He set about learning at first hand "the aspects of nature," the characteristics of the inhabitants, "the economic resources of the several countries," the commercial and industrial prospects,

relics of prehistoric civilization, the Indian population, the political conditions and outlook.

With modest caution Mr. Bryce has avoided dogmatic declarations and has allowed the danger of overmuch weight likely to attach to his words to make him even more conservative than the reader would sometimes wish. In the matter of the mixed races and mixing of races one cannot avoid the feeling that the author is to some extent interpreting his facts through preconceived theories, and that his observations, especially in Brazil, were not entirely accurate.

The call for a new edition was quite to be expected and the work will long remain an authority on such phases as it deals with concerning the seven republics comprehended in the discussions.

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**India, Maylasia, and the Philippines, A Practical Study in Missions.** By W. F. Oldham. New York: Eaton and Mains; Cincinnati: Jennings and Graham, 1914. viii+299 pp. \$1.00 net.

This book is "The Nathan Graves Foundation Lectures" delivered before Syracuse University, 1913, with the addition of a chapter on "Mass Movements in India." The descriptive subtitle is that which really defines the aim of the book. It is a practical discussion of the right of Christian Missions and of the problems of method imposed by the success of the work in the rapidly changing conditions of our day. India, Maylasia and the Philippines are used for purposes of illustration mainly. The book lacks unity except on the plane of practical discussion. The author is a recognized missionary statesman and his work is a good one for study by all who want to know what to think and do in the hour of urgent opportunity for the Gospel.

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics.** Edited by James Hastings; with the assistance of John A. Selbie, M.A., D.D., and Louis H. Gray, M.A., Ph.D. Volume VI, Fiction-Hyksos. New York; Charles Scribner's Sons; Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark, 1914. xviii+890 pp. \$7.00 a volume.

Thus this monumental work proceeds. As usual the list of