

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

task has been accomplished. But when we look up from the task with a questioning sigh of relief, at once we behold a fresh, new and far more complex task in the *moral frontier* of social life which calls the Christian forces to a new endeavor. The methods of the new undertaking must be modified by the new conditions, new conditions in the material to be worked with and new conditions within the working forces. One cannot always approve the Author's views. He has not been able to emerge wholly from the merely theoretical notions about Negroes and he takes a remarkably superficial view (pp. 191-197) of the origin and methods of religious denominations in America. But all in all it is a book of the highest merit and one that every minister and every other Christian concerned for the power of Christ in our land needs to study.

Dr. Faunce has not broken new ground in his book but he has made a splendid collection of facts and given a fine discussion of principles involved in the larger conception of the task of missions to heathen, the making of Christianity the formative factor in the life of the peoples by way of the principle and experience of regeneration of men in social relationships so that the institutional life of the nations may fall under the power of a redeeming Gospel. With individual statements here and there issue might be taken, as for example, that China will not be able in a hundred years to care for the education of her own children. Surely the author ought to have avoided saying (p. 5) that "it did not occur to the prophets to question the justice of such a principle" as that the fathers had eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth had been set on edge. In general his treatment of "prophetism" reflects a larger acquaintance with certain claims of modern criticism than with the teachings of the prophets themselves. For such classes and readers as the work contemplates it will be most interesting and inspiring and will lay a basis in pertinent information for abiding effort for the world conquest of Christianity.

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