

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

everywhere more fully to trust God in all circumstances. It should be a help to God's children, and lead to an increase of intercession, service and sacrifice for the extension of the Lord's dominion over the hearts and lives of the millions of China still uninfluenced by the Gospel."

The photographs make very real the epochal events of the Mission's growth, the tables of statistics tell a graphic story.

W. O. CARVER.

The Stone of Help:....Autobiography of A. B. Leonard, D.D., LL.D.
Introduction by Bishop Luther B. Wilson. New York and Cincinnati,
1915. The Methodist Book Concern. 349 pp.

From orphan farm-hand to honored age with honorary retirement after most distinguished service to the Kingdom of God in one of the greatest denominational organizations of Protestantism is the record of this volume. The genuine modesty, the simple-hearted piety, the compelling interest of an unvarnished narrative of a life that has been great not by brilliance but by faithful capability, these make up a story that will interest and bless the readers.

Dr. Leonard filled thirty years and more with energetic work in itinerant ministry and as presiding elder; then twenty-four years as Corresponding Secretary of the Mission Board of his Church, at length at seventy-seven to be elected as Secretary Emeritus with loving unanimity and appreciative enthusiasm.

He has told the main features of his life and ministry in a sketchy, frank way that is as true to life and as unaffected as any other autobiography ever written, I suppose.

His career included an unusual amount of travel in mission lands and attendance on some of the most important missionary conferences of the last quarter century. A little more imagination in describing and interpreting these experiences would have helped the reader, but the author's way is true to his character. The outstanding impression is that of a plain, honest man, with great common sense, unselfish devotion and untiring energy, with the hand of the Lord upon him.

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