

application and exhortation based on the facts of the life under review. The style is popular and impressionistic. Not always strictly accurate, the accounts touch on the main features of life and service of each hero and heroine in such a way as to awaken enthusiasm for their character, sacrifice and service.

It is a splendid volume for use in connection with various missionary meetings. Africa affords a fine roll of the noblest missionaries.

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Russia in Transformation. By Arthur Judson Brown, Author of "Unity and Missions", "The Foreign Missionary", "New Forces in Old China", etc., etc. New York, 1917, Fleming H. Revell Company. 190 pp. \$1.00 net.

For the many who want a quick, general view of Russian conditions up to the middle of 1917, this will prove a very valuable book. It is not to be commended for exhaustive analysis of detailed facts and features of Russian forces that are producing the transformation. The author, like many others, was entirely too optimistic about Russia, as current developments abundantly bear witness.

The ten chapters give us, for the most part, very clear pictures and outlines of political, religious, economic and social features of the decadent and the emergent orders in that unhappy country.

The author is most fully in sympathy with the general socialistic ideals. He has allowed his optimism to blind him, at least partially, to some of the more serious aspects of the unrest there, and of the ignorance of the masses. Russia is yet a very long way from an orderly democracy. If they had but been far enough along to see the day of their visitation they were within sight of realizing the long dream of the more enlightened that Russia should be admitted to the commerce of the world on a basis of freedom and hope. Blind leaders of the blind have plunged the whole mass into the ditch, to be delivered who can guess when? It is a pitiable spectacle. The average man will find this book helping him to understand the better elements of the present situation. The thoroughly informed man will not find it dull. W. O. CARVER.

A Short History of Science. By W. T. Sedgwick, Professor of Biology and H. W. Tyler, Professor of Mathematics, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. New York, 1917, The Macmillan Company. xv--474 pp. \$2.25 net.

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