

room at an expense of \$1.95 a week. She said that her "hearty" meal was a noon dinner, for which she paid in a restaurant 15 cents a day.

After her experience in the summer [a seven weeks' illness] she realized that she should assure herself of income in case of illness. She joined a benefit society, to which she paid 50 cents a month. This promised a weekly benefit of \$4 a week for thirteen weeks, and \$200 at death. She paid also 10 cents a week for insurance in another company.

The room was within walking distance of the store, so that she spent nothing for car fare. The services and social life of a church were her chief happiness. Besides her contributions to its support, she had spent only \$1 a year on "good times." She did her own washing.

Her outlay in health in these years had been extreme. She was very worn, thin, and wrinkled with hard work, severe economies, and anxiety, although she was still in what should have been the prime of life.

Her weekly budget was: Lodging, \$1; board, \$1.95; luncheons, \$1.05; insurance, 21 cents; clothing, contributions to church, occasional car fare, and other expenses, \$1.79; total, \$6.

Miss Carr said that her firm was generous in many of its policies, but she felt it profoundly discouraging not to advance to a wage that would permit decent living.

How do working women live on their wages? They do not live; they die. These are death-chronicles—scientific observations of various brave ways of starving—chronicles beside which the old stories of mediaeval butchery seem like pleasant fireside fancies.

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TWO MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

In the Shadow of the Drum-Tower. By Laura De Lany Garst. Published by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, Cincinnati, O. 1911. Price, 50 cents net.

Mrs. Garst—herself for years in the mission field—writes with intimate sympathy about the life of her sister in China, Dorothy De Lany Macklin, who has for twenty-five years loved and worked "In the Shadow of the Drum-Tower" of Nanking with her famous missionary husband, Dr. William E. Macklin. There are three sketches in the little book—the first a reprint—all well written and illustrated, which make a most persuasive religious and human plea for the cause of missions.

The first sketch, "My Little Sister in Far-Away China," is the story of how as a young woman just out of college, Dorothy De Lany visited her sister in a Japanese mission, there met and married Dr. Macklin, and went back to make her home with him in Nanking. There she learned the language, cared for her children, made hosts of friends among the Chinese, and after many years

came home with her whole family to America on furlough.

Dr. Macklin's life and work are briefly told in the second sketch. Born in Canada in 1860, graduated at nineteen from the Toronto Medical College, after a few years of practice and some brilliant graduate work in New York and London, Dr. Macklin chose the mission field, and in 1885 settled in Nanking as Church of Christ missionary-physician. His work has been enormously successful as preacher, surgeon and friend to the Chinese people.

It is in his literary work, however, that readers of *The Public* will be especially interested. For after gaining remarkable command of the Chinese language he translated some of the great English classics, such as Green's "History of the English People" and Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic." Among such democratic masterpieces was "Progress and Poverty," for Dr. Macklin—although Mrs. Garst fails to mention it, is a well-known and ardent advocate of the Singletax, and his translation of Henry George's book has been very widely read in China.

The third sketch, entitled "My Little Sister at Home," brings the biography down to 1911, when, after another furlough in their Iowa home, Dr. and Mrs. Macklin went back to China to continue their work.*

ANGELINE LOESCH GRAVES.

*See *The Public* of February 2, page 110.

BOOKS RECEIVED

—God and Democracy. By Frank Crane. Published by Forbes & Co., Chicago. 1912. Price, 50 cents.

—Counsel for the Defense. By Leroy Scott. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. 1912. Price, \$1.20 net.

—A Curb to Predatory Wealth. By W. V. Marshall. Second Edition. Published by R. F. Fenno & Co., New York. 1912.

—The Old Order Changeth. By William Allen White. Published by the Macmillan Co., New Edition, 1912. Price, 50 cents net.

—Elements of Socialism: A Text-book. By John Spargo and George Louis Arner. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1912. Price, \$1.50 net.

—The History of the British Post Office. By J. C. Hemmeon. Harvard Economic Studies, Volume VII. Published by Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 1912. Price, \$2.00 net; postage, 17 cents.

—The Earning Power of Railroads. 1912. Compiled and Edited by Floyd W. Mundy of Jas. H. Oliphant & Co. Moody's Magazine Book Department, 35 Nassau Street, New York, Sales Agent. 1912. Price, \$2.50; postage, 12 cents.

—The Social Evil, with Special Reference to Conditions Existing in the City of New York. A Report Prepared in 1902 by the Committee of Fifteen.