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# BOOKS RECEIVED

[The more important books in this list will be reviewed at length]

## HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

PETTAZONI, RAFFAELE. *Dio: Formazione e Sviluppo del Monoteismo Nelle Storia Delle Religioni*. Vol. I. *L'Essere Celeste*. Rome: Athenaeum, 1922. xxii+396 pages. L. 35.

This first volume of a series on the historical evolution of monotheism deals in a comprehensive way with the gods of primitive peoples.

## HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

BAUMSTARK, ANTON. *Geschichte der syrischen Literatur mit Ausschluss der christlichpalästinensischen Texte*. Bonn: A. Marcus und E. Webers Verlag, 1922. xvi+378 pages. M. 190.

This is the work for which Syriac scholars have long waited. Its comprehensive, encyclopedic character makes it a *vade mecum* of Syrian literature from the fragmentary beginnings in the second century, down through the schism of the fifth and sixth centuries, thence along the streams of the Nestorian and Monophysite branches to the Arab invasion. Thereafter the Nestorian and Jacobite Syrian literature is followed down to the seventeenth century—an ecclesiastical, bibliographical survey.

SOUTER, A. *Tertullian Concerning the Resurrection of the Flesh*. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; New York: Macmillan, 1922. xxiv+205 pages.

To this excellent new translation there is appended a collation of a hitherto unknown manuscript recently brought to light by Dom André Wilmart, of St. Michael's Abbey, Farmborough.

## BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

CAUSSE, A. *Les "Pauvres" d'Israël*. Strasbourg: Librairie Istra, 1922. 173 pages. Fr. 8.

The common people are coming to their own. For ancient Israel that class of citizens now has an advocate of no mean ability in this little essay. The most striking part of the treatment is his picture of the poor as it is displayed in the Psalter. The faith of Israel was exemplified and perpetuated by those who were not wealthy and aristocratic. A useful presentation.

POTTS, CYRUS A. *Dictionary of Bible Proper Names*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 279 pages. \$2.00.

Bible proper names are a fascinating study. But Potts's book is a compilation of authorities, good, bad, and nondescript. On three pages selected at random we find five mistakes in references, six errors in translation of the plain Hebrew word, five misspellings of names, four pairs of names that should have been consolidated, and definitions that no modern scholar can find in the original word. The Latin definitions are useless in a would-be popular work. Not a dependable dictionary.

## CONCERNING JESUS

MICKLEM, NATHANIEL. *The Galilean*. London: Clarke, 1920. 157 pages. 5s.

Sketches of various aspects of the life and teachings of Jesus, designed to set forth his spiritual authority in non-theological terms.

ROBERTS, RICHARD. *The Untried Door*. Second edition. New York: Doran, 1921. xii+174 pages. \$1.50.

Forty short inquiries into the mind of Jesus for today, each one based on his definite words; germinal enough for a session's discussion of a study group "that in a fellowship of thought we may discover the truth that shall make us free."

SCHMIDT, KARL LUDWIG. *Der Rahmen der Geschichte Jesu*. Berlin: Tro-witzsch & Sohn, 1919. xviii+322 pages. M. 80.

An important critical investigation of the first three gospels as sources of information for the life of Jesus. The author is Privatdozent in the University of Berlin and his book augurs well for the new generation of German New Testament scholarship.

## DOCTRINAL

BELLWALD, A. M. *Christian Science and the Catholic Faith*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. xvi+269 pages. \$2.50.

A carefully written account of Mrs. Eddy's life and an exposition of the main tenets of Christian Science. The book is frankly intended to vindicate the Catholic faith over against the antisupernaturalism and the pragmatism which the author finds in Christian Science. An unusually complete bibliography is a valuable feature of the volume.

CADOUX, A. T. *Essays in Christian Thinking*. New York: Doran; London: Swarthmore Press, 1922. \$1.60.

Courageous, candid discussions of some of the crucial questions in modern religious thinking, with the purpose of relating religious beliefs vitally to the life of our day.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BAKER, EDNA DEAN. *Parenthood and Child Nurture*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. xvii+178 pages. \$1.50.

A book for parents presenting the major findings of modern child study covering the period from birth to eleven years.

HAMLIN, MARY P. *The Rock*. Boston: The Pilgrim Press, 1921. 37 pages. \$0.35.

A biblical drama showing the character development of Simon Peter.

WEIGLE, LUTHER A. *The Training of Children in the Christian Family*. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1922. ix+224 pages. \$1.50.

A textbook and syllabus for parents' classes. It is based upon the belief that the development of the parents is the assured way of developing Christian behavior in children. The book gives suggestive material on the child in his relations—physique, habits, play, work, study, reading, friends, devotional life, etc. One of the best features of the book is its bibliographies on each subject with questions to stimulate first-hand investigation and reports.

## SERMONS AND RELIGIOUS ADDRESSES

GLOVER, T. R. *The Nature and Purpose of a Christian Society*. New York: Doran, 1922. 85 pages. \$1.00.

A lecture delivered at the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends in which the ideas of Jesus are set forth as the basis for a modern Christian society.

HOUGH, LYNN HAROLD. *A Little Book of Sermons*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 173 pages. \$1.25.

A baker's dozen of sermons, dedicated to the author's church in Detroit, for which a majority of them were prepared. One turns to "The Ministry of the Mystic" for the keynote—and finds these sentences: "There is a mystic who is a robust evangelical Christian. . . . And the Christian mystic keeps us aware of our citizenship in eternity."

## SOCIAL PROBLEMS

BRUNNER, EDMUND DE S., and MARY V. *Irrigation and Religion*. New York: Doran, 1922. 128 pages.

One of the twenty-six intensive rural surveys by the Committee on Social and Religious Surveys, which attempts to show by two typical California counties the effect of prosperity upon the life of the church.

1. PAGE, KIRBY. *Industrial Facts*. New York: Doran, 1921. 32 pages. \$0.10.

2. PAGE, KIRBY. *Collective Bargaining*. New York: Doran, 1921. 30 pages. \$0.10.

3. MATHEWS, BASIL, and BISSEKER, HARRY. *Fellowship*. New York: Doran, 1921. 31 pages. \$0.10.

4. PAGE, KIRBY. *The Sword or the Cross*. New York: Doran, 1921. 61 pages. \$0.15.

5. PAGE, KIRBY. *The United States Steel Corporation*. New York: Doran, 1922. 26 pages. \$0.10.

6. EDDY, SHERWOOD. *America: Its Problems and Perils*. New York: Doran, 1922. 30 pages. \$0.10.

7. PAGE, KIRBY. *Incentives in Modern Life*. New York: Doran, 1922. 31 pages. \$0.10.

These seven pamphlets deal with various phases of the industrial situation and the responsibility of Christianity for the same.

## MISCELLANEOUS

BAILEY, ELMER JAMES. *Religious Thought in the Greater American Poets*. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1922. 258 pages. \$1.50.

Suggestive studies of the religious ideals of Bryant, Poe, Emerson, Whittier, Longfellow, Holmes, Lowell, and Whitman. Brief citations from poems serve to illumine the exposition.

BLOCH, LOUIS. *The Coal Miners' Insecurity*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1922. 50 pages. \$0.50.

An investigation made under the auspices of the Sage Foundation, containing statistics and facts which must be known in order to appreciate the complexity of the present crisis.