

## V. RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY.

**The American Philosophy, Pragmatism, Critically Considered in Relation to Present-Day Theology.** By A. v. C. P. Huitzinga, author of "Belief in a Personal God," "Discussions on Damnation," etc. Boston. 1911. Sherman, French & Company. 64 pages. 60 cents net.

Vigorously, boldly, does the author of this volume present and attack the fundamental temper, method and claims of that Pragmatic school of thinkers just now making so much noise in the sphere of philosophy. Out of a wealth of reading and reflection Mr. Huitzinga is able to produce reasons and arguments against every essential feature of Pragmatism. He rightly evaluates its positions by appealing to their connection with the democratic individualism of our time and country, the evolutionary principle in science, the practical temper of a materially progressive age, and a theological situation dominated by the Ritschlian distinction between value-judgment and existence-judgment.

The author makes such extensive use of other writers, quotes from them with such frequency and extent, and so frequently turns aside for some comment on a collateral issue thus introduced as to interfere somewhat with the continuity and orderliness of his discussion. One also rather suspects that a good many readers will fail of full appreciation of the numerous Latin, Greek, German and French terms, phrases and quotations. But for the quite obvious earnestness and simplicity of purpose there would be a suggestion of pedantry.

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**Great Religious Teachers of the East.** By Alfred W. Martin, Associate Leader of the Society for Ethical Culture in New York. New York. 1911. The Macmillan Company. 268 pages. \$1.25 net.

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