

How to Teach Religion. By Geo. Herbert Betts. Abingdon Press, 1919. 223 pp. \$1.00 net.

This book, unlike so many of similar nature, is very readable as well as helpful. The author's fitness to instruct teachers is evidenced on every page. His deep conviction as to the importance of right religious teaching gives this volume an added value over many purely scientific works. His fundamental assumption is that "children can be brought to a religious character and experience through right nurture and training in religion". Believing this, he presents both sane and comprehensive principles and methods. The book has superior value also in that it is so produced as to serve both the trained and untrained teacher. It will give new light and inspiration to thousands of unselfish men and women who are seeking to reproduce the Christ life and character in the growing childhood of our day.

F. M. POWELL.

The Temple. By Lyman Abbott. The Macmillan Company. 171 pp. \$1.00.

The many admirers of Dr. Abbott will welcome the re-issue this week of his book, "The Temple", which has been out of print for some little time. The purpose of the book is to interpret the laws of the body and of the spirit and to describe human experience as it is and as it ought to be. Hence the philosophies of the psychologists and physiologists are not expounded. The work is practical and devotional, not technical. It is indeed a book of religion—the life of God in the soul of man. It describes and portrays the Christian's faith in man. In these fourteen short chapters, Dr. Abbott shows how the temple of the body may be kept holy and thus healthy; and how the spirit may be made a worthy occupant and master of the body. The reflections about the practical problems of daily life are full of wise counsel for men and women.

H. C. WAYMAN.

III. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Assurance of Immortality. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. Association Press, New York, 1918. 116 pp. 60 cts.

The great war has aroused fresh and world-wide interest in this subject. Whatever freshness of thought this essay may possess, the author suggests, will be found in the fact that the problem of life after

death is viewed from the standpoint of the twentieth century and is discussed in terms of the special difficulties and the prevailing attitudes of today. He has had in mind especially the man who conscientious and courageous about his daily work, lifting his thought occasionally to the problem of life everlasting, turns away saying: "What difference does it make? I can at least do my present task well, and if there be a world beyond face it when it comes." He is convinced that there are considerations which such an attitude, admirable as it is, leaves out of account, and to these the attention and effort of this essay are especially directed. The work he has done is both negative and positive: he shows the inconclusive nature of the arguments commonly urged against a future life; and gives the positive reasons for a modern man's assurance that death does not end all.

GEO. B. EAGER.

The Letter He Was Ashamed of. By Harvey Smith McCowan, 118 N. Clinton Ave., Dallas, Texas.

A significant story of a Christian "boss" and a convention of salesmen by one of them, also a Christian. It will repay reading by not only commercial travelers and salesmen, but by all sorts of people—preachers especially—who are interested in christianizing business. Bound in paper, 39 pages, price not given.

GEO. B. EAGER.

From Father to Son. By Mary S. Watts. Macmillan Co. \$1.75.

Another new novel by Mrs. Watts. It is fascinating in every way. The writer brings before the reader a moving crowd of characters drawn with her customary skill and insight into human motive.

George Washington, the Christian. By William Johnson, author of "Abraham Lincoln, the Christian". Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati. 299 pp. \$1.50.

Here we have not a volume about Washington, but a book showing the real man. The greatness of Washington is shown to be due to his unwavering faith in God and strict adherence to His teachings. The chronological order is followed from birth till death. The age of Washington and the year being placed at the bottom of each page. Quotations are given from letters, orders to the army, state papers, conversa-