

people, and particularly suitable for use by adult classes in the Sunday school. Dean Mathews has written other volumes for more advanced readers on the same general theme. In this he gives us a clear, straight-forward statement of the fundamental principles of Christianity. After three chapters on the worth of a man, the message of the Kingdom, and the basic social principles of the Gospel, he discusses *The Family, The State, Economic Life, and Social Regeneration*. Under the last title he has chapters on the social forces in the Gospel; punishment, remedial legislation, education, the church, missions, the vicarious tenth of society.

He is very conservative in the statement of the social implications of the Gospel, so conservative indeed as to be somewhat colorless and platitudinous at times. However, this is a good book to place in the hands of young people.

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The Lord's Prayer; Meaning and Message for Today. By Charles F. Aked, D.D., Minister of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York City. Fleming H. Revell Company. New York. 1910.

It is not stated definitely that this is a series of sermons, but the style and forms of address indicate that it is. On the whole the volume is a fresh, interesting and up-to-date devotional discussion of the several petitions of this great model prayer. Dr. Aked in all his preaching seeks especially to give an interpretation of the Gospel which is applicable to this present day's problems and points of view. Perhaps the necessity for this—and it is a real need—is over-emphasized in his mind. There is in his work both the excellencies and the defects of this modern eagerness for a new interpretation and application of the Gospel. Especially is his treatment of the fatherhood of God indiscriminating and superficial. It is clear that while Jesus represented God as maintaining the fatherly attitude of love and yearning solicitude toward all men, he characteristically speaks of the relationship of fatherhood and sonship as spiritual in significance and as existing between God and the obedient soul.

But, notwithstanding, Dr. Aked's exposition of this great, model prayer is spiritual in tone, vigorous in thought and fresh and suggestive in treatment.

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Modern Sermons by World Scholars. Edited by Robert Scott and William C. Stites, editors of the *Homiletic Review*. Introduction by Newell Dwight Hillis. In ten volumes. Funk & Wagnalls Company. New York and London. 1909.

There are one hundred and seventeen sermons in these volumes, all by living preachers, representing many different denominations. The editors have sought to secure the contributions from men of generally recognized standing in the scholarly world. It is pleasant to note that in this group of distinguished scholars and preachers are two members of the faculty of our own institution—Drs. Mullins and Robertson. The sermon by Dr. Mullins is on "The Glory of Christ", an able setting forth of the divinity and spiritual power of Jesus; the one by Dr. Robertson is on "The Transforming Power of the Vision of Christ", a great theme discussed in the author's pungent style. Each of them, it will be observed, being an appreciation of the personality and moral power of our Lord.

An examination of the list of those who have sermons in the collection makes it evident that these volumes contain specimens of the best preaching of this generation. They are worthy of a place in every preacher's library and that of every lover of sermons; and withal the volumes are printed and bound in a very attractive style.

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The City With Foundations. By John Edgar McFadden, M. A. (Glas.) B.A. (Oxon.) Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College, Toronto. Author of "Old Testament Criticism and the Christian Church", "Introduction to the Old Testament", "The Prayers of the Bible", etc. A. C. Armstrong & Son. New York. 1909.

The author says in the preface that "the chapters are not elaborate expositions, but simple meditations, resting upon a