

The work will supply a need on the part of young men and women, for whom the author shows deep concern. He holds that people are unwilling rather than intentional doubters, and that the faith of the fathers still has a hold upon all. What is needed the author insists is that this faith be put into new forms and interpreted in terms of to-day. A reading of these essays will help to create and strengthen faith. H. C. WAYMAN.

**The Superintendent's Helper.** By Jesse Lyman Hurbut; edited by Henry M. Meyer. 1920, The Methodist Book Concern. 164 pp. 30 cts.

In addition to spicy comments on the lessons and clear comprehensive outlines, the book contains a wealth of information and suggestion for the up-to-the-minute superintendent.

**The Lesson Handbook, 1920.** By Henry H. Meyer and Edward S. Lewis. Berean Series. The Methodist Book Concern. 160 pp. 30 cts.

This is a concise commentary on the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons for the entire year. It will take its place among the many other valuable lesson helps.

**Can the Church Survive in the Changing Order?** By Albert Parker Fitch, Professor of the History of Religion in Amherst College. The Macmillan Company, New York. 79 pp. \$1.00.

The author says that the church is in "an age indifferent to tradition, fundamental in changes, searching in inquiries". The signs of the new age are political feebleness, intolerable economic conditions, intellectual rebellion, and moral restless-

ness and doubt. His treatment of the economic, political, commercial and governmental conditions of the world is excellent, but when he turns to the religious situation, the volume is disappointing. Many shortcomings of the church are pointed out in dogmatic statements, without an iota of proof, such as "What ails her (the church) is that she is maintaining a world-view, with its accompanying scale of values, which belongs to the out-moded order of ideas". The appeal is for a larger place of RATIONALISM in our religion. This crops out throughout the pages in such expressions as, "Jesus, ethical, and spiritual flower of our humanity, is, *ipso facto*, chief witness to, expression of, the character of Divine Being; hence since that Being works in and through us all, we differ from the Lord Jesus in immeasurable degree, but not in kind." The nearest answer to the question of the title is in the following summary: "What the church needs then for her salvation is a new accession of faith. If she will say, in the spirit of her founder: We believe that this is a friendly and intelligible universe where free inquiry is a part of its order and questions bring results; we do not fear that man's ethical and spiritual life will dwindle even though its outer forms and garments are utterly changed; we believe that holiness and goodness are eternal elements in the world, and by their very nature, unconquerable and not dependent upon Greek Christologies, old codes and mediæval philosophies, that faith will save her." Whether or not we agree with the author, the volume is well worth studying, and the first six chapters are especially suggestive to the busy pastor.

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**The Spiritual Meaning of "In Memoriam".** By James Main Dixon, of the University of Southern California. Abingdon Press, New York. 173 pp. \$1.00.

This is a fresh and original interpretation of the greatest poem of the foremost poet of the Victorian age. It is true to its title, and yet is more than that. The author presents the