

Die Sittenlehre Jesu und ihre Bedeutung für die Gegenwart.

Von Lic. theol. Ph. Bachmann, Professor der Theologie in Erlangen. A. Deichert (George Böhme), Leipzig, Germany. 1904. Pages 60. Price 1.20 m. To be had through Lemcke and Buechner, New York.

These lectures Prof. Bachmann delivered in 1903 before the Evangelical Woman's Union of Nuremberg. Naturally they are popular, but they are none the less incisive and fresh. There is a simplicity and directness of statement not always present in the writings of German theologians. The aim of the book is distinctly practical and modern. The application of the ethical teaching of Jesus to the present time is a worthy theme. Tolstoi is a standing witness to the ease with which a great mind can miss the mind of Jesus. The author rightly sees that we are not to follow slavishly the life of Jesus. This is where Rev. C. M. Sheldon missed it in his famous book *In His Steps*. It is not so much what Jesus did then or would do now that is pertinent to us. The real ethical problem in Christ's teaching is what does Jesus wish us to do now. It is to this question that Prof. Bachmann earnestly addresses himself.

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The Messages of the Apocalyptical Writers.

By Frank Chamberlain Porter, Ph. D., D. D., Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology in Yale University. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1905.

In this volume Prof. Porter undertakes to present Daniel, the Revelation and the Jewish Apocalypse in such historical setting that the reader may be able to understand them. There is abundant scholarship in the introductory notes. Prof. Porter calls Daniel a tract for the Maccabean times, and denies that the apostle John is the author of the Revelation, but he has no satisfactory hypothesis for the authorship of Revelation. The judicious student can get much help from the historical material furnished by this volume, but it is a region of much difficulty, and one must not be dogmatic.

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