

America. It was organized in Wales and removed in a body to America, settling upon a large tract of land obtained from William Penn. It was in many respects an influential church in the earlier days. The Historical Society have done their work in a careful and scientific way and have rendered a real service to the State of Delaware as well as to the history of the Baptist denomination in publishing these records. A careful and widespread study of such records as these would be of inestimable value to the denomination.

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**Hildebrand: The Builder.** By Ernest Ashton Smith, Ph.D., Professor of History, Allegheny College. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham, 1908. Pp. 219.

Several volumes of the "Men of the Kingdom" series of biographies have been reviewed in these columns. The general characteristics of the series have been set forth. The volume on Hildebrand is one of the best in the series so far published. The author has set forth in brief popular form the general conditions prevailing in the church at the beginning of Hildebrand's career in such a clear and comprehensive manner as to form an admirable background for his picture of the man. This portrait is well drawn. There is ample knowledge, due sympathy with the subject, a judicious selection of material. It is to be hoped that this book with other volumes of the series will be read as widely as they deserve. They are not intended for scholars but for busy and intelligent men who are interested in the great men of Christian history.

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**Historical Catalogue of the Members of the First Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island.** Compiled and edited by Henry Melville King, Pastor Emeritus. F. H. Townsend, Printer, Providence, R. I., 1908. Pp. 189.

This volume contains a brief history of the notable and historic First Baptist Church of Providence, a catalogue of the

officers and members of its entire history as far as that is now obtainable, cuts of many of its officials, and two historical appendixes. The whole was done under the supervision of Dr. King, who was long the pastor of the church and is deeply versed in its history. Such a work is of great value for future historians of the Baptists, and the church is to be heartily commended for its liberality and public spirit in publishing this volume. It is to be hoped that many other of our historic churches will follow this example.

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### III. PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

**The Sense of the Infinite.** A Study of the Transcendental Element in Literature, Life and Religion. By Oscar Kuhns, author of *The German and Swiss Settlements in Pennsylvania*, *Dante and the English Poets*, etc. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1908. Pages vii+265. Price \$1.50 net.

The author defines broadly and rather vaguely the Sense of the Infinite so as to include all forms and phases of conscious recognition of the unity of the universe and all striving after fellowship in spirit, or oneness in experience with the Infinite. "The sense of the Infinite, the transcendental sense, then, does exist," and exists for all men who will open up the avenues of the soul through which the spirit goes out after the Eternal and through which the Infinite comes in to claim as its due the finite spirit. Nature, romantic love and religion are the great spheres in which the soul of man becomes conscious and enamored of the Infinite. Philosophy, poetry, and mysticism, then, are the forms of its expression. "The great saviours of the higher life are those who have drunk deep at this spring" of a strong and beautiful love which many waters cannot drown and which holds its objects "now and forever."

"It is the transcendental or the mystical sense, the sense of the Infinite, Idealism, call it what you will, that gives to life its glory and dignity. It gives an added sense of beauty to the world in which we live; it tends to deepen our spiritual experi-