

**Paul, the Mystic.** A study in Apostolic Experience.

By James M. Campbell, D.D. Andrew Melrose, 16 Pilgrim street, London, England, 1907. Price, 4s. 6d. Pages 284.

I am sure that many will be helped by reading this book, not so much by the inherent novelty of the ideas, as by the truthful portrayal of the great Apostle's spirit that we here meet. The writer has a terse style and many of his sentences are well balanced and he has neat turns in abundance. It is no novice who is unfolding to us the mind of Paul. There is a revival of interest in mysticism even in its technical aspects and Dr. Campbell does much to put the true conception of mysticism before his readers. But his real work lies in the emphasis laid on the fact that Paul's mysticism was so sane, so practical, so vital. Those who think of Paul as the theologian chiefly or even as the missionary will derive distinct help from this strong accent upon his mystical side. He treats Paul as a religious mystic, a Christian mystic, an evangelical mystic, a practical mystic. The fertility of Paul is well illustrated by the number of books necessary to set forth the variety of his nature. Dr. Campbell has done well to single out this side of Paul's life. It was indeed the heart of the man, his mystic union with Christ. All else was subordinate to this, the possession of his soul, to live in Christ, to let Christ live in him.

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**Die sittlichen Weisungen Jesu.** Ihr Missbrauch und ihr richtiger Gebrauch.

Von Dr. W. Herrmann, Professor an der Universität Marburg. Zweite verbesserte Auflage. Göttingen, Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 1907. Price, 1 mark.

In this booklet of seventy-two pages, the outgrowth from an address given in 1903, Professor Herrman sets forth the wrong and right ways to regard and use the moral precepts of Jesus in such fashion that it is adapted to meet many needs. While there are defects in it, as the attributing to Jesus of an expectation that the world would immediately end, yet its great merits by far outweigh its defects. That Jesus did not come as a lawgiver to give new precepts of righteousness but

to demand and impart a new temper, that this temper is love without limit, that this temper of love will in new circumstances find new duties, that Tolstoi, for example, is in error in applying sayings of Jesus to our present relations as citizens, for which they were not spoken—all this is said so forcibly and well as to deserve what a German reviewer said, "Herrman's Grundgedanken sollten jedem echten Protestanten in Fleisch und Blut übergegangen sein." D. F. ESTES.

### **The Johannine Literature and the Acts of the Apostles.**

By Henry Prentiss Forbes, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature in the Canton Theological School. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London, 1907. Price, \$2.00.

This is the fourth and concluding volume of the "International Handbooks to the New Testament", a series of commentaries representing and adapted to "liberal" thinkers, so-called. This work of Professor Forbes does not suffer in comparison with the previous volumes by President Cary, Professor Cone, and Principal Drummond. It well carries out the original purpose, which is thus stated by the general editor, Dr. Cone: "to furnish a series of Handbooks to the New Testament which should meet the wants of the general reader, and at the same time present the results of the latest scholarship and of the most thorough critical investigation." "The space generally devoted in commentaries to a minute examination of the grammatical construction of passages of minor importance is occupied with the discussion of those of a special interest from a doctrinal and practical point of view." "More prominence has been given to the statement of the results of the critical processes than to the presentation of the details of these processes by means of extended discussions of questions of Greek grammar, philology, and exegesis." Accordingly while a good general impression of the course of thought may almost always be secured, this volume, like its predecessors in this series, gives as little aid as it intends to such students as believe that only by careful study of the exact language can its real meaning be secured. Also, while "the aim of the writers has been to ascertain and clearly set forth the meaning of the