The whole work is of decided interest to the student of Chinese religion and morals. Several notes illustrate the well-known attitude of the editor toward Christianity. We cannot judge of the translation but it would seem to have been done with care.

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IV. CHURCH HISTORY.

Mission und Ausbreitung des Christentums in den ersten drei Jahrhunderten.

Zweite neu durchgearbeitete Auflage mit elf Karten, 2Bd, von Adolph Harnack. J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung in Leipzig. 1906. Price in cloth, 15 m.

The first edition of this great work was reviewed at length in the columns of the *Review and Expositor* for January, 1905. The constant use of the book since has but confirmed and deepened the favorable impression then expressed. The author's knowledge of the literature of the period is astounding. His interpretation may not always be accepted, and he leaves small room for the presence of the Divine in the progress of Christian work; but his treatment and information are exhaustive. The critics of the first edition have not led him to change the views then expressed in any important respect. The author's studies have continued since the appearance of the first edition and the additional material has been incorporated, increasing the size of the work somewhat in spite of a few omissions of material found in the first edition. This is especially the case in the fourth book which deals with the statistical part of the subject—the location, size, etc., of the churches at the end of the period. There are additions elsewhere, sometimes in footnotes and sometimes in the text. There is also an effort to give more life and color to the course of the history in various provinces. Although there is in the new edition, no important change of view as to the method and progress of Christianity there is considerable addition to the material offered. It is and will long continue to be

the great work on all phases of missionary history in the first three centuries. The new edition is provided with several maps, drawn by Harnack himself and illustrating by the use of colors and otherwise the spread of Christianity from period to period and province to province. These are very valuable, being the result of the thorough study of the greatest historian of this period now living. The new edition unfortunately appears in two volumes, thereby losing in its usability. The first edition has very recently appeared in an English translation, "The Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries," Williams & Norgate, London. It seems a pity that it could not have been a translation of this new and revised and more complete edition.

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Democracy in the Church.

By Edgar L. Heermance. The Pilgrim Press, Boston. 1906. Pp. 1-268.

This work is called forth by two demands of the times, viz.: Christian union and more efficient organization for the work of the kingdom of God. The author believes that Democratic or Congregational principles of church government furnish the only possible basis of Christian union and at the same time the best basis for Christian work. Moreover he believes Democratic principles are biblical though not worked out in detail. The four essential principles of a church as set forth by Christ are: (a) Its members are genuine Christians, (b) closely and permanently associated, (c) for the promotion of the kingdom of God, and (d) genuinely loyal to this purpose. pp. 12 f. He finds that these principles were realized in the earliest churches, but passed away in the second century before the progress of a rising oligarchy. Democracy was revived in the Reformation era by the Anabaptists and Robert Browne, the founders of the modern congregational type of church government. The author dis-