

the lectures lack, they show remarkable breadth of conception, deftness of touch and eloquence of expression, and a profound and glowing sympathy with the religious strivings of all who in any age or clime have been seekers after God. Indeed, it would be difficult to find a better example of a Christian approach to the non-Christian mind than that here made; and we are not surprised to learn of the impression produced in the various centers where educated Indians gathered to hear the lectures, or of the appreciative response which they awakened. It may be not unreasonably objected that the lecturer shut his eyes to the sadness of the degeneracy and spiritual failure of which the best Indian minds are profoundly conscious, and dealt only with the ideal side of Indian thought and aspiration; but it was better, perhaps, to have addressed himself to the supreme, positive aim of his mission—to exhibit Christ as the Fulfiller, and His religion as the ultimate realization of that Ideal toward which humanity has been feeling its uncertain way through all the ages. At any rate, the secret of the inadequacy of even the highest non-Christian thought to explain God and man, and to lead man up to his truer, fuller life in God, is here expounded by him with philosophic thoroughness, and yet with rare tact and tenderness; while the adequacy and completeness of the revelation of God in Christ are set forth and illustrated in the light that comes from religious experience the world over.

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Paul Judson.

By Edward Bagby Pollard, Ph. D. *The Baptist Argus*, Louisville Ky. 1905. Price \$1.00.

This is the best story of Baptist principle and conquest that I know. It is the career of a boy from the Kentucky mountains who fought his way to success and to the Baptist position. Dr. Pollard has written with genuine skill and puts the Baptist case in the modern spirit of conciliation without sacrifice of essential truth. It is a

book to circulate by the thousand and ought to be in demand for a generation at least. A. T. ROBERTSON.

Die Religiösen Bewegungen innerhalb des Judenthums im Zeitalter Jesu.

Von M. Friedländer. Georg Reimer's Druck, Berlin, Germany. 1905. S. 380. To be had of Lemcke, Buechner & Co, New York.

Friedländer is well known as the author of *Sittengeschichte Soms* and *Griechische Philosophie in Alten Testament*. This is a very able and important work which no New Testament scholar can afford to ignore. It is more even than the title implies. The book not only gives a masterly survey of Palestinian and Hellenistic Judaism in the first and second centuries before Christ, as well as the first Christian century, but it attempts briefly and very skilfully to set the career and teaching of Jesus in proper relation to the current Judaism. But the book goes still further and seeks to show how Paul as both Pharisee and Hellenist became the congenial interpreter of Jesus.

It would be hard to find a volume that hits more exactly the vital problems in New Testament teaching of today. Friedlaender sketches briefly the rise of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Therapeutæ. He shows how the Apocalyptic writers were the popular prophets of the time. He contrasts clearly the Pharisees and the Am-ha-aretz. The Minim in the Talmud are shown not to be the Christians, but in origin a pre-Christian sect opposed by both Pharisee and Christians. The influence of Greek philosophy and the Sybilline oracle upon Hellenistic Judaism is unfolded. The volume emphasizes anew the importance of a knowledge of current Jewish theology in order to get the proper background for the teaching of Jesus and Paul. Friedlaender makes a constructive effort, and a not wholly unsuccessful one, to fit that teaching into the time and show its relation to the Old Testament. He presses too far the correspondence between the divine claims of Jesus and the phrases in Philo and the Apocalyptic books. But he has done a