

Ten Reasons for Tithing. By Henry W. Fancher, Pastor Baptist Tabernacle, Mobile, Alabama. Mobile. 1911. Press of Wood Printing Company. 127 Pages.

With clearness and forcefulness, Mr. Fancher has stated his case. His ten reasons are "interest on principal," "exemplified by Patriarchs," "incorporated in law," "enjoined by Christ," "example to giver," "expands the giver," "evinces his faith," "enlists protection," "enriches possession," "enlarges contribution." A striking array of Scripture texts is brought forward and cogent arguments enforce their teaching. One must occasionally dissent from the use of Scripture and find fault with the argument; but usually only antagonism to the thesis will withhold assent. The attitude of polemics on the part of the writer is too evident for persuasion. It must be said, also, that there is more of legalism in the argument than is best for the free action of the principle on which the author falls back fundamentally all along. Nor can one believe that tithing insures great material possessions or that this would be a religious motive for the practice even if true. Christ's attitude toward law is not quite correctly apprehended. But in spite of minor faults the argument is powerful and the thesis is one that ought to be accepted on principle by every man.

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The Fear of Things. By Rev. John A. Hutton, M.A., author of "The Authority and Person of Our Lord." Geo. H. Doran Co., New York. 1911. Pages 204.

The Rev. J. Stuart Holden, of London, is editing a series of volumes of sermons entitled "Preachers of To-day." He has made no mistake in including Mr. Hutton. He is a real preacher. He knows how to take the Word of God and apply it to modern conditions. In the present volume the famous Glasgow preacher deals with the personal religion of comfort in a fresh and helpful way. The sermons are short and crisp, and they ring true to the needs of the soul. Mr. Hutton is a favorite of

the preachers at Northfield. He understands preachers and he understands the average man. The book is rich food for the soul that hungers after God, who is the only shelter in the time of storm.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

Preludes and Interludes. By Amory H. Bradford. New York. 1911. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. xii+107 pages. \$1.00 net.

Among the foremost preachers of this generation was Dr. Amory H. Bradford, for forty years pastor at Montclair, New Jersey. His definite religious experience, his catholic spirit, his power of incisive utterance made him one of the most frequently quoted men of our day. What a pity it is there are not more ministers of such power and purpose that, like Dr. Bradford, Dr. Cuyler, Dr. MacArthur, to name no more, remain for a lifetime in one pastorate and grow to the end.

During the last year of his pastorate, when his physical strength was going and the lights of earth's fair life were losing in the brighter gleams of the glory celestial, Dr. Bradford was unable to preach and often unable even to be present at the church. In order to continue his ministry to the end he wrought out short messages on vital topics, which were printed from time to time in the calendar of the church, or, if he was able, read from the pulpit by him. He said that he expended on them more time and thought than on a sermon, which is perhaps to be understood relatively. In accordance with his own wish and plan these are now given to the public and constitute the great pastor's maturest message to his members and to men everywhere. There are two dozen short sketches including "The Pastor's Creed," with which they open, but which is subdivided in seven items. Among topics discussed are "Man—the Child of God," "Sin," "Prayer," "Justification by Faith," "Miracles," "Conscience," "The Holy Spirit."

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