

former volumes have shown. When this history of the Spanish Inquisition is complete another will scarcely be necessary.

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THE AGE OF SCHISM. Being an Outline of the History of the Church from A. D. 1304 to A. D. 1503.

By Herbert Bruce, M.A., Lecturer and Head of the Department of History in the University College, Cardiff. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1907. Pages 278. Price, \$1.00 net.

The two centuries covered by this volume were a gloomy period for the kingdom of God. The high plane of the thirteenth century was not kept, the church plunged down a mighty precipice of power and influence. Divisions and strife were frequent, bitter and blasting. Learning and ability well nigh perished from the earth, as well as character. And yet it was an interesting and important period; for in it were laid the foundations of the Protestant Reformation.

Mr. Bruce has written an excellent account of Christianity in this period. He does not spare, avoid or condone the evils that gnawed at the life of the church from top to bottom, from pope and curia to priest and peasant; but neither does he forget that there was much good in the church at the same time. The relation of the papacy to the political world, the character and actions of the curia and popes, the lives and work of the great prelates, the contact of man with man in the parishes, all are told with admirable clearness and proportion. No other work of like proportions with which reviewer is acquainted presents so full and excellent a treatment of the period.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS. New and Illustrated Edition.

By Henry C. Vedder. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. 1907. Pages 431.

Dr. Vedder's "Short History of the Baptists" has been before the public since 1892 and has won an important place in the literature of the subject. The present edi-

tion is the result of the restudy of the whole field and the rewriting of the entire work, which has thus been enlarged to double its original size. It is divided into two parts, the "History of Baptist Principles" and "A History of Baptist Churches". In the first the author begins with the New Testament churches, traces the gradual rise of the Catholic Church and the consequent eclipse of evangelical Christianity in the earlier Middle Ages; then the revival of evangelical principles in the Albigensians, Waldensians, Anabaptists, etc. The second part, as its name suggests, treats of the modern Baptist denomination from the beginning of churches in England and America to the present time, through all the various periods and phases of their growth.

The work has been thoroughly done. Dr. Vedder has studied the sources on the spot as far as possible. He loves his denomination, but he loves truth too much to make broad assertions that cannot now be substantiated. He claims all that can be claimed in the present state of our knowledge, and does not regard his statements as necessarily final on all disputed points. The work is provided with many admirable illustrations bearing on Baptist history. It is altogether admirable, decidedly the best general history of the Baptists, and it ought to have a wide reading among Baptists.

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THE CENSORSHIP OF THE CHURCH OF ROME AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE. A study of the Prohibitory and Expurgatory Indexes, together with some consideration of the Effects of Protestant Censorship and of Censorship by the State.

By George Haven Putnam, Lett.D., etc. In two volumes. Vol. I. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 1906. Pages 375. Price, \$2.50 net.

Mr. Putnam has undertaken an important and much needed piece of work. Few institutions have been more harassing and depressing to the human mind than the Index. Where its provisions were not applied the dread