

**What Can I Know? An Inquiry Into Truth, Its Nature, the Means of Its Attainment, and Its Relations to the Practical Life.** By George Trumbull Ladd, LL.D. Longmans, Green & Co., New York, 1914. vii+311 pp. \$1.50 net.

The sub-title clearly sets forth the clear-cut, comprehensive method of dealing with this subject, so primary in its importance in an age when so much philosophy assumes the ability to get on without an epistemology, when it does not positively deny the validity of the search for truth.

Dr. Ladd brings to us his usual clear thinking, firm conviction and lucid language. The distinction between mathematical truth, of abstract relations; and moral truth, of reality and vital relations, is clearly apprehended.

The various sources of certainty and uncertainty are discussed with incisiveness and frankness. The part played in knowing by attitude, disposition, "the will to believe" are especially recognized. After all a man can really know only as he desires to do. It is the men who know in experience that make the world's progress. "Can a Man Know God?" is the final question. The answer will be unsatisfactory to many. Abstractly and dialectically we can know Him far less than has often been affirmed, but practically and reverently we may know God. The author does not come upon it quite so distinctly as does Jesus, but he approaches the idea that "the pure in heart shall see God." The work is much needed in this time of pragmatic superficiality which has succeeded the age of "Agnosticism."

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**The Christian Life in the Modern World.** By Francis Greenwood Peabody, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals (Emeritus) in Harvard University. New York, 1914. The Macmillan Company. 234 pp. \$1.25 net.

One could wish that every earnest man and woman of our generation would read such a book as this. Without blinking, with almost overdrawn emphasis, the author recognizes the