

The discussion of "The Problem of Pain" is sane and comforting. He makes some startling statements: "The best of us is not worthy of eternal salvation, the worst of us is not worthy of eternal damnation." Again the last sentence in the book: "I know that some day, even as Thou shalt abolish death, Thou shalt lock the door of an empty hell, and throw away the useless key."

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**The Gospel of Gladness and Its Meaning for Us.** By John Clifford, M.A., LL.D., D.D. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. 1912. Pp. 240. \$1.25.

We see Dr. Clifford at his best in this volume of sermons and his best is good enough for anybody. There is the buoyancy of youth with the strength of manhood and the ripe wisdom of age. It is not a superficial optimism, but the gladness of a soul that looks in the face of Christ and is not afraid. No voice in England calls to a braver battle than that of Dr. Clifford. The Passive Resistance Movement will yet succeed, and Dr. Clifford is the hero of that movement. These sermons palpitate with power and love for Christ.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**The Woman of Tact, and Other Bible Types of Modern Women.** By the Rev. W. Mackintosh Mackay, B.D., Sherbrooke Church, Glasgow. Hodder and Stoughton (George H. Doran Company) New York and London, 1912. xiii+329 pages. \$1.50 net.

Here are twenty-two sermons for women, all except the first about women. That is of "The Womanliness of Jesus," a not altogether pleasing title and by no means the best of the sermons, viewed from any standpoint. The sermons are good, good homiletically, as literature, as spiritual food, as practical teaching.

In many cases the sermon is based on an historical woman of the Bible. In other sermons the text describes some characteristic or duty of women. In a few cases the text was not primarily about women, as such, at all. The author is generally true

to the history and original intent of Scripture. He is always true to the facts and needs of the current life of women.

A few of the titles may help the reader of this review to want the book: "The Woman of the Home," "The Woman of Sacrifice," "The Frivolous Girl," "The Woman of Quiet," "The Discontented Bride," "The Ideal Minister's Wife," "The Mother of the Gifted Son."

W. O. CARVER.

**Quiet Talks About our Lord's Return.** By S. D. Gordon. F. H. Revell Company, New York. 1912. 75 cents.

There is no scarcity of books nowadays on this great theme. It is one of the most complicated and difficult of all the subjects dealt with by the writers of the New Testament. The many difficulties involved have by no means as yet been entirely cleared up. The volume before us makes a very distinct and clear outline of the order of events in connection with Christ's personal return. The exact date is not fixed. Christians may hasten or retard it. Christians of any generation may bring on the next great step in the evolution of the Kingdom by their prayer and fidelity. Evil forces will head up in Anti-Christ when the Holy Spirit is withdrawn. Christ will smite and destroy the opposing power by His coming. The Jews will return to Palestine. Christ will reign a thousand years. Jews will become the premier nation, and will be evangelists of great power. The Gospel will rapidly spread. The reign of Christ will close and the final judgment will occur with its final awards to men. The supreme lesson is one of watchful fidelity and earnest expectation and hope of the Lord's return. The book is graphically written, is deeply devotional, and seeks to set forth exactly the Biblical teaching. Elaborate program making on this subject, however, is never based on conclusive proof. The main fact is clear: The personal return of Christ and the duty of Christians to live in watchful and prayerful expectancy of that return.

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