

in touch with things as they are, they are replete with learning. Hilty's book, especially, is the product of deep experience, profound religious faith and long reflection. It comes from the German atmosphere and reflects the need and difficulties of German Christians where unbelief is rife and religious despair is often present. This may make the book a trifle foreign to some readers, but it will be all the more helpful for all who have thoughtfully faced the difficulties and sorrows of life as it is. The other book is not so profound, but is thoroughly healthful and uplifting in tone.

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## V. MISCELLANEOUS.

### **The Promotion.**

By John Marvin Dean. American Baptist Publication Society. 1906.

"The Promotion" sketches the career of a talented young man of wealth and refinement through the wars of our country in Cuba and the Philippines. The book gives us a living impression of the Cubans and Philipinos, but most interesting of all is the dealing of the brilliant young officer with the natives. The history of his own conversion, his repeated promotion in the army, his heroic sacrifice in becoming a missionary, and his final promotion to the realms of bliss after a few brief, but effective months of service, make interesting reading. The aim of the author, who is a minister, is to give dignity and pre-eminence to the mission work in foreign fields and to portray the greatness and essential heroism of missions. The style is clear and attractive.

B. H. DEMENT.

### **The Self Effacement of Malachi Joseph.**

By Everett T. Tomlinson. The Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia. 1906.

Malachi Joseph Pitt was a young minister of brilliant prospects, whose graduating essay on "The Self Effacement of a Minister", won loud applause and much com-

mendation. Yet he himself was wisely unacquainted with the lowly principles of self-sacrifice and self-renunciation which he so freely proclaimed. His conversion to his own doctrines was very naturally produced by the trying discipline of his first charge—a dead mission church in an unknown country district.

The story ends happily and furnishes many wholesome lessons, though lacking in a well defined plot and development.

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### **The Spirit World.**

By Joseph Hamilton. Fleming H. Revell Company.

The author of this book has both independence and courage. He is a trichotomist. Man has a body and a spirit. He has also a soul which he regards as his spiritual body and which is an ethereal substance. In this he has kinship with the angels, and a study of angelic visitation, etc., gives us our best knowledge of its nature. It is invisible, capable of inconceivably rapid motion, has marvelously acute senses and is endowed with great power. In man, it is developed from the natural body, or he may be transformed into the natural again. This view is thought to help to explain miracles in a way to assist those who have become infected with the anti-supernaturalism of the time. For instance, Elisha was able to see the host of angels which were ready to protect him at Dothan, by virtue of the sight of this spiritual body. When angels appeared, they transferred themselves from the spiritual to a natural body. Our Lord's appearing to His disciples when the door was shut and then disappearing, was but his transferring himself from the spiritual to the natural body, and then going back to the spiritual again. This spiritual body has a likeness to the natural which will enable the redeemed to recognize those who are loved on earth. His idea of the spiritual body resembles that of Dr. Clark, of Colgate; but unlike Dr. Clark, he loyally holds by the doctrine of a general resurrection, although he cannot quite see the need of it. He also attempts to pry into the mysteries of the