

His other sermons, as reported by Dr. Hatcher, show a sane and vital grasp of truth which he presented with extraordinary power. As one reads the book he falls under the spell of a truly wonderful personality. And the study of it is a healthful homiletical exercise; for while the negro probably never heard of Homiletics he nevertheless exemplified many of the most important principles of Homiletics in a most unconventional way. Dr. Hatcher has done a good service in giving us this book.

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### QUIET TALKS WITH WORLD WINNERS.

By S. D. Gordon, author of *Quiet Talks About Jesus*, *Quiet Talks on Power*, *Quiet Talks on Personal Problems*. A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York, 1908. Pages 280. Price 75 cents net.

Mr. Gordon's "Talks," as those who have heard or read them know, lose nothing by being "quiet." They have the force of sunshine and always reach mind and heart. "World Winners," in a warm, fresh, luminous way, gives a birdseye view of the world as a vast mission field, with the aim of making world-winning the thrilling purpose of every follower of Jesus, to make even the humblest man in the humblest place feel that he can do something, even as he goes about his daily, commonplace rounds, to help bring the world back to God. The book, while addressing itself specially to those interested in missions, is vitally full of material relating to the personal life and the Christian service in general, and, like all Mr. Gordon's "Quiet Talks," will attract and repay a large circle of readers.

GEO. B. EAGER.

### ABBA FATHER, or The Religion of Everyday Life.

By William De Witt Hyde. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, 1908. Pages 71. Price 50 cents net.

Religion itself, not criticism of it, commenting upon it, controversy over it, philosophy about it, or exhortation to it, is what this book offers, "just as one would offer a picture, a story

or a song." It is a choice booklet of essay-meditations, or sermon-prayers, which, the author tells us, are the outcome of a year of enforced rest, when he was cut off from ordinary work on one hand and attendance upon public worship on the other. They were conceived in the gardens and chapels of Oxford, but written, he says, in Switzerland, on Lake Thun. "If they shall reveal to any the simplicity and comprehensiveness, the modesty and grandeur, the peace and power, of the Christian life, my period of life will not have been unfruitful, \* \* \* and Eiger, Monk and Jungfrau will not have reflected to my castle-site the Alpine glow in vain." This reviewer can testify that he has found something beyond the Alpine glow—"a light that ne'er was on land or sea"—reflected in these "sermon-prayers."

GEO. B. EAGER.

### TALKS TO THE KING'S CHILDREN.

By Sylvanus Stall, D.D. New edition; silk finished cloth; gold top. Vir Publishing Co., 200-214 N. Fifteenth St., Philadelphia. Price \$1.00 net.

This second series of short object talks to little folks will be welcomed by some grown folks as well, parents and teachers, pastors and Sunday school superintendents. Dr. Stall's method has become well known. He takes familiar objects, a shell, a palm-leaf fan, a smooth pebble or a camera, for instance, and deduces a lesson in a bright, crisp way, suited to the child mind; he approaches through eye-gate *and* ear-gate into the City of Child-Soul. Formerly pastor of the Second English Lutheran Church, Baltimore, he is now a pastor in Philadelphia. His little sermons are always very orthodox, and sometimes rather stiffly expressed, but it seems that they have commanded a most appreciative hearing and a wide reading.

GEO. B. EAGER.

### THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

By John R. Mott, M.A., General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. New York: Student Department Young Men's Christian Association, 1908.

By the testimony of leaders in all Christian denominations, one of the most pressing problems in the work of the kingdom