

BOOK REVIEWS

I. PRACTICAL.

The Pleasure of Reading the Bible. By Temple Scott. Mitchell Kennedy, New York. 1909. Pages 47. 50 cents net.

The author disregards the authoritative value of the Bible for religion and theology and deals with it solely as a means for giving pleasure. The Sermon on the Mount, for instance, he says, can be read for the purpose of fortifying a faith in Christ; but it can also be read for the sake of the beauty of its literary form, its noble language, its suggestive influence on the mind for cherishing inspiring ideal. The pleasure from such reading of the Bible is the purest and most satisfying of all pleasures, he argues, "because it affirms and fulfills the self". The little book will easily take its place along side not only of such popular works as Senator Beveridge's book on *The Bible as Good Reading*, but of Professor Moulton's *Modern Readers' Bible* and *Short Introduction to the Literature of the Bible*. It gives in an appendix a finely selected list of books for aid in such Bible reading as it advocates and illustrates.

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Our Baptist Sunday Schools, Their Present Position and Possible Development. By Ernest Price, B.A., B.D.,

The Baptist Child and World Conquest. By T. E. Ruth, with introduction by Rev. Vincent. The Kingsgate Press, London. Sixpence net. Pages 95.

These are two essays on the English Baptist Sunday schools. The first was a prize essay and the second was thought by the adjudicator to be worthy of a second prize. It is published but in part. They give in brief space an excellent view of the Baptist Sunday schools of the past, a survey of their present