

textbook of the Laymen's Movement study classes and will be wanted by the study classes of other movements. Mr. Mott is so simple, direct and calm in all his dealing with the problems of the world task of Christianity that he sometimes hardly impresses the reader with the magnitude and importance of what he is saying to him. A prepared public will find here a statesmanlike call to the best manhood of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is a call to the test that challenges the highest motives and deepest impulses of redeemed men; and it is a call with the rational hope of real success in the effort to make Christ effectively known to all mankind. Thinking business men, who are men of God, will respond to the call of the facts, arguments and appeals of this work if they will read it and ponder it. It is a work on kingdom strategy of a very high order. Every pastor should have it at once.

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The Unique Message and the Universal Mission of Christianity.
By James Franklin Love, D.D. New York. 1910. Fleming H. Revell Company. Pages 256. \$1.25 net.

The announced purpose of the author "is to show that the fundamental and saving doctrines of Christianity are peculiar to the Christian religion, to secure larger rights for the message which these doctrines constitute and to help fulfill the universal mission of Christianity". He has brought to his task extensive reading, not always of the later works, and serious reflection. He speaks with conviction and enthusiasm.

In Part I we find a general discussion of man and religion. The main discussion falls in Part II where the "Unique Message" is outlined under seven headings that are so incisive and suggestive as to give the author's interpretation of Christianity better than many sentences could. Here they are: "A Self-verifying Revelation from God—The Old and New Testament Scriptures"; "A Personally Revealed Deity—The Doctrine of the Incarnation"; "Deity Suffering on Behalf of Humanity—The Doctrine of the Atonement"; "The Moral Transformation of the Individual—The Doctrine of the New Birth"; "The

Moral Invigoration of the Individual—The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit”; “Immortality Demonstrated—The Resurrection of Jesus”; “A Rational Futurity—The Christian Doctrine of Heaven and Hell”. It will thus be seen that we have here a work in systematic theology and also in apologetics. It may be a defect that the social aspect of Christianity and its institution for organic life find no place in the argument. No doubt the author felt that these were secondary features, growing out of those which he discusses as constituting the essential content of our religion.

The work is a profound and stimulating one and should contribute vitally to the end in view. There are some rather deplorable oversights in proof-reading, and such words as “dispensator” and “Deityhood” rather challenge the dictionary.

In general there is a little too much of the tendency to controversy and antagonism for the best effect on the average reader, and Christianity is presented too much in its exclusive characteristic. It is hardly axiomatic, to say the least, that “the peculiar merit of any religion consists in its distinctiveness” (p. 9).

For Chapter III in Part I the author had little heart and would “take time here for reference to these common elements in religions” only “to satisfy such” as make much of such matters and “to add insight to the great doctrines” which he was setting forth in the main body of his work. It is not to be wondered at that his discussion of this topic is, therefore, disappointing. It has in it so many errors and is so unscientific that it is a pity he yielded to the demands of those who might want such a discussion. It mars a good book.

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Missions and Modern Thought. By William Owen Carver, M.A., Th.D. 1910. The Macmillan Company. Pages 324. Price \$1.50 net.

One is reminded by this title of *Christianity in the Modern World*, by D. S. Cairns; but in the range of topics and apologetic value the present volume is much the fuller of the two.