

The Minister as Shepherd. By Charles Edward Jefferson. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 1912. \$1.00 net.

In this virile work the vital and manifold relations between the modern pastor and his flock are treated by one who deals with the matter, not in an abstract or scholastic way, but with a sympathy and wisdom that are clearly the outcome of experience. Those who have read "The Minister as Prophet," "The Building of the Church," or "The New Crusade," will need no argument to convince them of this. Nothing that Dr. Jefferson has written is lacking in force or helpfulness, but this little book is likely to prove especially welcome and helpful to pastors. Its well-worked-out chapters deal with "The Shepherd Idea in Scripture and History," "The Shepherd's Work," "The Shepherd's Opportunity," "The Shepherd's Temptations" and "The Shepherd's Rewards." "The age of the Shepherd has just arrived. Never has he been so much needed as now. Never before have there been so many important things for him to do." "The world awaits a Shepherd who can meet the needs of the present hour."

The book may be commended especially to young pastors in doubt or in need of direction about such matters.

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Spiritual Surgery. By Oliver Huckel, author of "Mental Medicine," "The Melody of God's Love," etc. 12mo, cloth. Thos. Y. Crowell Co., New York 1913. Pp. 109. 75 cents net; postage, 8 cents.

The author of these chapters is clearly a true follower of "The Celestial Surgeon." In spirit and style he deserves to be classed with that fine company of wise physicians rendered illustrious by such names as Oliver Wendel Holmes, S. Weir Mitchell, and Dr. John Brown, the genial author of "Rab and His Friends," not to say Dr. "Weelum" MacLure in Ian Maclaren's "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," or Dr. Luke of the Labrador, whose story is the life history of Dr. Grenfell. Physicians have been large factors in our growing civilization, and they ought to be deeply religious men, says Dr. Huckel. One cannot live, as

the physician does, face to face with the miracle of life, if he has eyes to see, without looking through Nature to Nature's God.

In these chapters, originally delivered as addresses to students, the author draws striking analogies between miracles of modern surgery and similar wonders in the spiritual field. But he shows also wherein spiritual surgery, in which each man has a part, differs from physical surgery. He evidently knows his subject thoroughly, his method of treatment is novel yet ingenious, and his literary style is at once finished and affluent in allusion and illustration. His dealing with such themes as "The Celestial Surgeon," "The Anatomy of the Soul," "Some Miracles of the Surgeon's Knife," "The Gift of Anesthesia," and "The Antiseptic Life," will be found to have a strong appeal for all thinking readers.

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The Ordinary Man and the Extraordinary Thing. By Harold Begbie. Hodder & Stoughton, New York. George H. Doran Co. Pages 256. \$1.25 net.

Mr. Begbie is known chiefly by his portrayal of the sudden and extraordinary religious conversions of the submerged masses, the forlorn outcasts, the "Broken Earthenware" of human life, the "Twice-Born Men" of the slums of London. As the title readily suggests, he here attempts to show how extraordinary changes of the soul are experienced by ordinary men.

His researches assure him that the heart of "representative man is in search of God" and that without religion the fortunes of civilization can not be guaranteed. The book is an admirable treatise on the origin and mission of the Young Men's Christian Association through whose agency in London the conversions described in vivid style were wrought. It is well worth reading by those interested in the psychology of Christian experience and methods of soul-winning.

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