

The France I Know. By Winifred Stephens, Author of "The Life of Madame Adam. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 1919. 255 pp.

Miss Stephens received part of her education in France and made repeated visits to France during the war. She is a gifted British woman who writes delightfully of the real France of the home. It is refreshing to read her pages and not have flaunted before one the glare and glitter of the Paris boulevards and cafes. The France of Miss Stephens is the France that has astonished Germany and that has won the admiration of the world, the France that we all love. The book is a charming one.

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The Church and Its American Opportunity. Papers by various writers read at the American Church Congress in 1919. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1919. x--235. \$1.50.

This congress brought together in New York, April 29 to May 2, a notable group of the most prominent Episcopal leaders, bishops, canons, theologians, professors, etc., to discuss a series of topics of vital significance to their church in the world epoch of the hour. Evidently pains were taken to have each topic discussed from the different standpoints represented in the influential thinking of church leaders. For many months regular meetings of the committee arranging for the congress were held "when men of differing churchmanship and differing temperament * * * sought to decide what are the most important problems before the church, and what men are best qualified to bring out the convictions from the extreme right to the extreme left which are known to exist within the loyalty of the church." Seven topics were chosen and the volume carries three papers on each, except one, representing advanced, moderate and conservative views on the given topic.

One would think this an extremely interesting and rather confusing outcome for members of the Episcopal communion. To one of another body of Christians the work is full of fascinating revelations of the present state of experience, belief and aims of the church which represents, more than any other in our country, the ideals of aristocracy in religion. This reviewer, being a thorough-going democrat in all his ideas and ideals, has read this series of addresses with eager interest and Christian sympathy, feeling that he was getting a revealing view of the inner experience and thought of earnest men whose interpretation of our common faith lies at the other end of the field.

The seven topics selected as presenting "the most important problems before the church" at this critical time are very instructive, especially if we take account of the relative space given to each topic