

the problem of church inefficiency. But at the conclusion of the reading this scribe felt that the problem was just about as far from solution as ever. There are chapters on many interesting themes, such as "The Church of To-day", "The Philosophy of Religion"; "The Value of Psychology"; "Physical Conditions"; "Mental Conditions"; "Ethical Conditions"; "Religious Conditions", etc.; and some very true and interesting things are said along with a great many that are true and uninteresting.

The *Questionnaire* method of collecting materials for books—the method used by the author—appeals strongly to a certain order of minds. But to be of value the questions must be prepared by a very judicious mind, must be simple, clear, not too numerous, and above all must be significant; and the responses must be very numerous, very clear and come from many types of people in order to afford a basis for really helpful generalizations. The author's use of this method, so far as we can judge from his discussions, was deficient in more than one respect, and hence has not advanced us perceptibly toward the solution of the problem which he discusses.

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Quick Truths in Quaint Texts; Second Series.

By Robert Stuart MacArthur, Minister of Calvary Baptist Church, New York. American Baptist Publication Society. Pages 271.

A tidy and attractive volume it is; and the dress suits the body; for there is a tidiness and winsomeness in both thought and manner which are very pleasing to the reader. But let no one suppose that daintiness excludes virility in the quality of these sermons. The thinking is both strong and devout. If there is a little effort at times to make the "quaint text" speak just the exact "quick truth" which the earnest preacher sees and enforces, this is readily forgiven in the satisfying result upon the whole. The series of discourses exalts Christ as the Savior of men, and touches with experience and skill the deep and perpetual springs of human character and need. Helpful alike to preachers and other Christians the sermons deserve a wide reading.

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