

and the treatment, though brief, is fresh, entertaining, instructive and illuminating.

In general one must say that the book is interesting on every page and that it is a happy fulfillment of the author's purpose. Pastors will find it a helpful, stimulating book. But we must not forget its purpose. It is a series of sketches of preachers, rather than a history of the development of preaching. We still await a scientific history of preaching which shall tell us why men were eloquent and effective. We now know that certain men were great preachers; we want to know how and why.

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The Teaching of Jesus.

By the Rev. George Jackson, B.A., author of *A Young Man's Religion*, etc. A. C. Armstrong & Son. New York. 1903. Price, \$1.25.

The books multiply on the teaching of Jesus, and it is well that it is so. The cry of "Back to Christ" inevitably meant the new emphasis on the teaching of Christ. Some of the many books on this great theme have not been well balanced. Some have sought to array the teaching of Christ against that of Paul in a very unhistorical spirit. But Mr. Jackson, the gifted young Methodist minister of Edinburgh, has caught the spirit of Christ in these unusual sermons. They are worthy of the Scotch exegesis, which they nobly represent, and they breathe the modern atmosphere without being radical. They are scholarly, reverent, able and conservative in tone. We wish for this volume a wide circulation. There is the unction of sincere conviction that gives force to the clear thought expressed in lucid English. It is a successful attempt to put in popular sermonic form the words of the Great Teacher. But let us not think because these sixteen chapters are sermons that they are not of permanent value. They are not ephemeral, but deal with the greatest themes in a conscientious manner. Criticism has been used as a servant, but not as a master. Jesus is the

Master here. Mr. Jackson has won a hearing for a glorious message in this volume. A. T. ROBERTSON.

A Harmony of the Gospels.

By John H. Kerr, D.D., author of *Introduction to New Testament Study*. American Tract Society. New York. 1903. Price, \$1.50.

Dr. Kerr was for a number of years Professor of the New Testament in the San Francisco Theological Seminary, from which position he went to the important one that he now holds, that of Publishing Secretary to the American Tract Society. He had ample experience in teaching the life of Christ to see that the old division by passovers was too arbitrary to be of permanent value. As Dr. Broadus had already done in his *Harmony*, and as Stevens and Burton afterwards did, so Dr. Kerr has deserted the old method for one based on the internal development of the history. It is doubtful if any modern harmony will ever return to the old plan. The innovation of Broadus will be permanent. Dr. Kerr uses the American Revision as the text. It is a pity that this version is copyrighted by one firm (Thos. Nelson & Sons). It will for a long time hold back this excellent version from a more general use. Dr. Kerr has a good map of Palestine in the time of Christ, but no notes. He has a splendid outline and analysis. The general arrangement of the Harmonic material is strikingly like that of Broadus. Professor G. H. Gilbert expressed surprise recently in the *American Journal of Theology* that even the seventh edition of Broadus kept two visits to Nazareth. He will be surprised again, for Kerr's *Harmony* does the same thing. The *Watchman*, of Boston, recently had an interesting parallel between Kerr's new *Harmony* and the Seventh Revised Edition of Broadus' *Harmony* (A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York. 1903).

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