

The Book of Jehovah. Quotation and Comment in Religion.

By Charles A. Keyser. Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia.

The author presents a goodly number of quotations from the writings of Herbert Spencer to show that the intellect of man finds itself unable to bring under the category of scientific knowledge the beliefs that lie at the basis of experimental religion. He quotes from Mr. Spencer's "First Principles" the statement that "religion under all its forms is distinguished from everything else in this, that its subject-matter passes the sphere of intellect". Mr. Keyser aptly replies: "If the subject-matter of religion passes the sphere of intellect and the sphere of science, then it would seem to the ordinary thinker that there must be a revelation from the Creator—God who is Spirit—to the spirit of the creature, if the creature is to become a subject of religion." Copious quotations from the Scriptures make up the greater part of this little volume. The author says: "I wish to put the precise words of the Bible beside the precise facts of life, and inquire whether they do or do not fit."

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Religion and Historic Faiths.

By Otto Pfeiderer, D. D., Professor in the University of Berlin. Translated from the German by Daniel A. Huebsch, Ph. D. Authorized Edition. New York, 1907. B. W. Huebsch. Pages 291. Price, \$1.50 net.

A review of this work as "Religion and Religionen" in the original German form appeared in *The Review and Expositor* some months ago. It is, therefore, only necessary to add that we now have the work in an excellent English translation. It affords us in the form of brief, popular lectures the views of one of the leading liberal, not to say radical, theologians of the day on the essence of religion and its manifestation in the several great historic religions of the world. Every page is interesting, but the limits of ability in so vast a field and of space deprive the book of any great scientific value. It is, however, an interesting popular presentation of a great theme, radical as is his treatment of Judaism and Christianity.

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