

have a definite and, as far as possible, authoritative statement of what each "Church" thinks its contribution to the complete Church would be. Not because it is new but because it is so important, it is gratifying to find emphasis laid on the principle that a Church should aim to make its conditions of membership inclusive of every one who is a Christian. Whether the author is right in saying that this has been "the guiding star of the Protestant Episcopal Church" is another matter.

He includes as conditions *sine qua non* to membership baptism because apart from baptism, he argues at great length, there is no spiritual birth. Yet singularly enough in the end, inveighing against all the sects, he declares that if he had to choose membership in any it would be the Universalists because he agrees with their fundamental contention. A serious fault in the entire discussion is that it employs terms in special senses but does not consistently so employ them, falling again and again into the usual sense of the terms. In this way the author not only makes it difficult for the reader to follow him at times but he seems also to practice a sort of trickery on his own thought. It is a book for study and will repay it.

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**Life and Its Counter Currents.** By G. W. Swope. Press of Marshall & Bruce, Nashville, Tenn. Price, \$1.50.

This volume gives a survey of human life under the influence of sin. Sin is the great and fundamental counter current to human welfare. Out of the operation of sin in human life arise many practical forms of evil. These are set forth graphically and forcibly. The history of God's provisions of grace to overcome sin is also traced, and the movement is carried forward to its culmination in the final redemption in Christ. The author is a premillennialist, and sets forth the order of events which, according to that view, will follow the return of Christ to earth. The style is clear, direct and simple, and the discussions are earnest and thoughtful. The author combines the doctrinal and practical in his presentation, a feature which will commend it to many pastors. There are immaturities of thought and style in places, which the author will doubtless outgrow.

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