

divorce rate in the profound changes in the economic life of recent times; in the movement for general social liberation—especially the change effected in the status of women; in the growth of religious liberalism and the weakening of external religious authority; in the development of new standards of sexual morality, especially the increasing insistence upon the same standard of sexual morality for man and woman. The causes are thus seen to lie in the most fundamental movements and tendencies of the age, which accounts for the fact that the divorce rate has steadily risen in the face of the increasing stringency in legislation and the emphatic opposition of the religious organizations.

In his forward look the author is optimistic. The present evils are incidents of a period of remarkably rapid and profound social changes, but on the whole changes toward a higher state of society. The family institution will not be destroyed, but will come forth from the ordeal more firmly established, modified in its structure but more ethical in character, more nearly conformed to the teaching of Jesus, whose "ideal is clear, and toward it has been the whole trend of social evolution".

Ministers generally should read this book, for notwithstanding the difference between the author's point of view and theirs it would help them to a larger understanding of one of the most serious practical problems of our time.

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Die Heilsarmee (The Salvation Army) ihre Geschichte und ihr Wesen von D. Th. Kolde ord. Prof. der Kirchengeschichte in Erlangen. Zweite, sehr vermehrte Auflage. A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung Nachf. Leipzig. 1899. Pages 204.

The Salvation Army deserves the careful study of all men who care for the salvation and uplift of men, especially those now wrecked and sunken in sin and vileness. The work which it has done and is now doing is great and blessed. And yet no satisfactory account of its history and its methods and aims has appeared in English, though it arose in England and has

rendered its greatest service among English speaking peoples. As usual this work had to wait for a German.

The present work brings the history down to 1898, and to that point it is quite full and satisfactory. The treatment of the methods of the army is not always sympathetic, as was to be expected, perhaps, from a German professor, but the recognition of the great work it has done is generous and the presentation of all phases of its life and work full and thorough. The written sources have been carefully studied, and there has been much direct personal study of and contact with the army at work. The book is indispensable to those who would know the history and work of The Salvation Army.

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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

Knowledge, Life and Reality. An Essay in Systematic Philosophy. By George Trumbull Ladd, LL.D., New York. Dodd, Mead & Company. 1909. 538 pages.

In this work Prof. Ladd deals "with the validity of human knowledge, the ideals of human life and the ultimate nature of reality". It is more than a philosophical treatise for it is also a contribution to the culture of the spiritual life and it is this aspect of the book that I would emphasize. The author's wide experience both as a teacher and writer renders him peculiarly fitted to be a real help to those who are passing through those critical stages of personal development in which doubts arise, mingled with difficulties concerning the problems of the religious life. Professor Ladd has gathered together in this volume the results of his investigations which have found a more elaborate expression in his other works, especially in "A Theory of Reality", "Philosophy of Knowledge", "The Philosophy of Conduct" and "The Philosophy of Religion". In three of the chapters, the author treats of aesthetics more fully than else-