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admirable series of diagrams and tables, separate for each county. The tables are well arranged, clear, cogent.

The findings of the investigation are summed up in these words: "They show that in these counties the country church has suffered a decline which proves beyond question that it is losing its hold on the community."

But the recognition of the facts is only the first and necessary step in the pathway of betterment. The facts here presented are sobering, but the book is by no means a wail of despair. Its constructive section, though brief, is wise, suggestive, courageous. The book should deeply interest all who have the problem of the country church on their hearts and are seeking its solution.

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THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE ANGLO-SAXON RACE. M. V. B. KNOX. Sherman, French, & Co. 1913. Pp. iii, 536. \$2.00.

The title of this book arouses expectations which its contents do not fulfil. Perhaps this was inevitable, for to describe adequately the religious life of a comparatively homogeneous community, indeed even of a single individual, calls for the finest and rarest insight, and when the subject is the Anglo-Saxon race in its various homes—Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States—considered, moreover, through some thirteen centuries, almost encyclopedic knowledge must be added to penetrating insight. That the author attempted so stupendous an undertaking is creditable to his courage; that he has failed is not surprising. Unfortunately, the book, although pleasantly written, has many errors, some of which in the judgment of charity may be deemed typographical.

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CHURCH AND STATE IN THE MIDDLE AGES. A. L. SMITH.

Under this somewhat misleading title Mr. A. L. Smith, the well-known history tutor of Balliol College, Oxford, publishes six lectures given by him on the Ford foundation eight years ago. The title is misleading because it seems to announce some wide and general treatment of a vast and highly interesting subject, whereas in fact the real topic is: "The good and evil of the connection of England