

The Negro and His Needs. By Raymond Patterson; with a Foreword by William Howard Taft. New York, 1911. Fleming H. Revell Company. 212 pages. \$1.25, net.

Mr. Patterson has brought to the task of preparing this book a vigorous personality, a journalistic training, a newspaper correspondent's cock-sureness and off-hand wisdom, some extensive study and investigation, and a measure of reflection.

The result is that he has grasped right fully *the complexity of the problem* which he outlines in five chapters. He has gotten at the heart of the economic and political phases of *existing conditions* which he sets forth in four chapters. He has developed some highly suggestive views concerning *the solution* which he states with dogmatic vigor and intense earnestness in five chapters. The chapters were originally published as letters in *The Chicago Tribune* and their author did not overlook that the prime demand on a correspondent is that his letters shall be readable. The revision they have undergone at the hands of Mrs. Patterson has not made them less readable nor removed all that was put in primarily for that purpose. But there is much of wise suggestion and more that is stimulating to thought. The book should have the attention of all who are concerned for the Negro and for our country as affected by the Negro.

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The Home Mission Task; Its Fundamental Character, Magnitude and Present Urgency. Edited by Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and made up of chapters by well known Southern writers. Atlanta, The Home Mission Board, 1912, 331 pages.

Dr. Master's title page description of his book leaves little need for further word. There are fourteen chapters wherein are discussed by our ablest mission thinkers and workers the various philosophical and practical aspects of the "Home Mission Task." The editor has himself written chapters on "A Historical Sketch" and "Home Missions and the Country Church." Secretary Gray presents the organization, scope and aim of the Board. The names of Hatcher, Edmunds, W. M. Vines, H. L. Jones, Gambrell, L. J. Bristow, J. E. White, Gordon, Love, Bru-