

The chapters on "Profitable Faith," "Practicable Love," "Sustaining Strength," and "Achieving Power" are especially suggestive. The book says in manly, down-right fashion what many are thinking to-day more or less consciously.

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Catch-My-Pal. By the Rev. R. J. Patterson, LL.B. Hodder & Stoughton, New York and London. George H. Doran Company, New York. 1912. Pp. 192. \$1.00 net.

This wonderful story of the Catch-My-Pal Temperance Movement is told by the man who started the propaganda. It had its inception in Armagh, one of the most drunken districts of Ireland, swept that district free of drink, and is now sweeping Europe. It is a story of intensely human, social and practical interest and usefulness. The author derived his idea from Christ's calling of his disciples—Christ called Andrew, and Andrew brought Peter, etc. The new convert feels the impulse and responsibility to catch and convert someone else. "I am not an expert," the author says, in substance, "but I've had an experience. I am telling not what ought to be done, but what has been done." He apologizes for "seeming egotism," "I am telling a story which gathered about myself in a way that is a great and growing surprise to me." "My missionary call came, not to go out as a missionary to tramps on the road, as my first impulse was to do, but to prevent men and women from becoming tramps, for drink is the chief cause of trampdom."

What neither civil authorities nor Christians, Protestants nor Catholics, had been able to do, an appeal to the social conscience of the drunkard and to his play-instinct enabled this movement to do. Success was almost instant and so far has been abiding. The author is sure that the methods that did such great things for Armagh and Ireland can under God do equally great things for other lands, and it is this conviction that has inspired this story.

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Ethics and the Family. By W. F. Lofthouse. Hodder & Stoughton, London and New York. 1912. Pp. 403.

The family is as central in society as the Atonement is in Christian theology. It is logical, therefore, that the learned author of "Ethics and the Christian Doctrine of Atonement" should give to the world this volume on "Ethics and the Family." The volume represents a sincere and scholarly attempt to discover what ethical elements are implied in that universal institution, now challenged as never before in civilized society.

Part first is chiefly historical—the varying forms of the family and the varying expressions and embodiments of ethical feeling are traced back to their origins in the remote past. Both, the author thinks, witness to a common source, a deep instinct in the race "which it is not too much to call spiritual"; and both have been controlled by this instinct continuously. "The outer forms and the inner spirit are inseparably akin."

The latter part deals with present-day problems, biological, economic, social and religious, all of which are found to involve moral questions.

The service of society and its various institutions is fundamentally spiritual. The family, typical of all organized and common human life, is no exception to this rule. The hope of the future lies in strengthening the spiritual impulse and the progressive adaptation of the institution and the laws governing it to the demands of the spiritual. Rightly understood, there can be no better expression than this, the author argues, for the service of Him of whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

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Marriage, Its Ethics and Religion. By P. T. Forsyth, M.A., D.D. Hodder & Stoughton, New York and London; Geo. H. Doran Company, New York. 1912. Pp. 152. \$1.25 net.

Among old institutions that are being reconstructed or dissolved in this age of criticism and revolt is the cardinal institution of society, marriage. Morally violated in every age, it is now ethically challenged. It is this situation that brings the Principal of Hackney College forward as its historian and defender. In this volume—the expansion of a lecture delivered in connection with the National Council of Public Morals—he deals