

all the power of personal appeal." The book is both inspirational and informing, in dealing with the three ways in which the man listening to the call to-day may make his ministry triumphant: the opportunity of *administration*, the opportunity of the *pulpit*, and the opportunity of *personality*. Of the last the author says, "The most thrilling medium for the transmission of truth is still a living person stirred with a great passion for mankind." "This is the opportunity of the pulpit for the man who is called of God to unfold the message of the Old and New Testaments under the power of Christ out of a heart aflame with interest in men."

GEO. B. EAGER.

The Romance of Preaching. By Charles Sylvester Horne. New York, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1914. \$1.50.

No more important and impressive word to preachers about their work has been spoken in many years. The series of Yale Lectures on Preaching contains many volumes of great inspirational value, and Mr. Horne represents himself as a somewhat envious gleaner who follows the reapers in a field when little grain is left. His modesty is becoming; but his readers, when they finish his lectures, will be inclined to say that he is the greatest reaper of them all. These lectures, both for matter and style, must be ranked among the greatest deliverances on the subject of preaching ever made.

What preachers need to-day is not so much technical instruction as to Homiletical method—though many of them sorely need that; it is to be given a larger conception of their work, a new inspiration—in a word, to have generated in their souls a fresh and holy enthusiasm for their great task. I know of nothing in the whole range of the literature of the subject so well adapted to do this as this volume of lectures. The author had—alas! that we must speak of him in the past tense, for he passed into the unseen only three days after delivering these lectures—a truly prophetic soul. You become conscious that you are reading the words of a man who not only talked elo-

quently and inspiringly about the ministry but exemplified what he said in his own notable ministry in London. He was one of the great spiritual forces of England.

Every one whose attention is called to this book will make a mistake if he does not place it in his library.

C. S. GARDNER.

Vital Elements in Preaching. By Arthur S. Hoyt. Professor of Homiletics and Sociology in Auburn Theological Seminary, etc. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1914. 326 pp. \$1.50 net.

These lectures have been delivered to classes at the Auburn Seminary and at the Chicago Divinity School during a summer term.

It cannot be said that there is anything new in them; but they are impressive discussions of "Vital elements in Preaching." They are characterized by the modesty, simplicity, sincerity, sanity and clear insight which seem to mark all of Professor Hoyt's work. They clarify, if they do not extend, the preacher's comprehension of his work, and, what is of even greater importance, they give the preacher a fresh *appreciation* of his task. Their spiritual value for the preacher is very great.

C. S. GARDNER.

Personal Christianity: Instruments and Ends in the Kingdom of God. By Francis J. McConnell, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1914. 265 pp. \$1.25 net.

This volume contains the lectures before Vanderbilt University on the Cole Foundation. We are told in the Prefatory Note that "it is the purpose of these lectures to show that persons, existing on earth in intimate interdependence, are ends-in-themselves in the Kingdom of God on earth, and that all things else,—books, creeds rituals, organizations,—are instrumental, with only such sacredness as can attach to instruments." This thesis the lectures sustain with power. In the first, the importance of personality is emphasized; and in the second the instrumental relation of all else is set forth. Then the author