

**The Ether of Space.** By Sir Oliver Lodge, F. R. S. Harper & Bros. New York. 1909. Pages 167. Price 2s 6d.

In brief compass Sir Oliver Lodge gives a lucid and popular, though necessarily technical, treatment of a most difficult and interesting subject. According to this volume ether is everywhere and matter is made from ether. Electrons differ from ether as a knot does from the string. One is bound to admit that ether still seems largely hypothesis, though a probable hypothesis. But the subject has much interest.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**Letters of a Physician to his Daughter on the Great Black Plague.**  
By F. A. Rupp, M. D. The Vir Publishing Co. 1910. Pages 96. Price 50 cents.

It really would seem that this publishing house had about covered the field of "self and sex" studies, but they continue to produce works dealing with the subject. This little volume deals especially with the dangers to matrimony from venereal diseases and the discussion is as clean and modest as such a discussion could be. The information and warning of the book, however, ought to be addressed to parents and to young men rather than to young women, for with them and not the young women rests the possibility of correcting the awful evil. It is impossible to believe that the author actually addressed these letters to his daughters primarily. He obviously had in mind the public. He may have sent them to the daughters. The showing is very horrible and very convincing. The moral iniquity involved should have more emphasis along with the awful physical ills.

W. O. CARVER.

**A Modern Chronicle.** By Winston Churchill. Author of "Richard Carvel", "The Crisis", "Mr. Crewe's Career", etc. Illustrated by J. H. Gardner Soper. New York. 1910. The Macmillan Company. Pages 530. Price \$1.50.

This Chronicle might have been called "Lights on High Society", or "A Study in Heredity and the Corrective Influence of the Proper Rearing and Environment in Childhood", or