ings of Dr. Toy is appended and illustrates the breadth and energy of his interest in his subject. It is a useful volume for reference and study and a fitting tribute to a pioneer and leader in the modern study of religions.

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The Light of the World: A Brief Comparative Study of Christianity and Non-Christian Religions. By Robert E. Speer. The Central Committee on the United Study of Missions, West Medford, Mass., 1911. 372 pages.

Of the many handbooks on the great present-day religions of the world this is for the ordinary student the best. No handbook can be other than disappointing in the number of questions it leaves unanswered. The thorough student will find that any one of them has treated but slightly and even wholly failed to mention some matters of great interest in connection with each of the religions. Mr. Speer's work succeeds best in dealing with the most vital and essential features and in dealing with them with great clearness. He is particularly effective in presenting the literary bases of the religions and the strong features of their theology and practical teachings. The spirit of fairness and appreciation is ever present without that excessive laudation too often found. The work draws heavily on the rich literature dealing with each of the religions. The attitude throughout is that of the sympathetic Christian missionary.

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Christianity and Other Faiths; An Essay in Comparative Religion. By the Rev. W. St. Clair Tisdall, D.D., late James Long Lecturer on Oriental Religions, author of "The Religion of the Crescent," "The Noble Eightfold Path," "The Original Sources of the Qur'an," "Religio Critici," "Comparative Religion," "Mythic Christs and the True," etc. London, Robert Scott MCMXII. xviii+234 pages, 5 shillings, net.

Here is a vigorous work that will serve as a fine tonic and one much needed in some quarters in our time when there is such a tendency to regard all religions as equally the product of evolu-

tion. Dr. Tisdall appreciates the good of all faiths and thoroughly maintains the fundamental religious nature of man. But he is quite convinced that Hegel was right in setting Christianity in a class by itself apart from all others. He arraigns some writers who have misrepresented the facts in the effort to set forth superior virtues in the literature of ethnic religions. He exposes the defects of others who have emphasized superficial similarities in religions while neglecting essential contrasts. Taking up the elements fundamental in all religion the author compares the Christian teaching with that of other religions. There is fairness and sympathy but no hesitation or compromise. Perhaps the just balance is not always quite maintained. Still the work is timely and very able. The volume belongs to Scott's "Library of Historic Theology."

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Christian and Mohammedan, A Plea for Bridging the Chasm. By George F. Herrick, fifty years missionary of the American Board in Turkey. New York, 1912. Fleming H. Revell Company. 253 pages, \$1.25 net.

This work falls into four sections. An "Introductory" and a "Supplementary Chapter" deal with the general aspects of the Mohammedan situation and with the general conception of the modern missionary.

Part I is historical, setting forth the conditions under which Islam arose and the relations of Christianity and Islam through the centuries, with the effect of these relations on the general attitude of the two toward each other.

Part II outlines "What Christendom Now Offers Modern Peoples," indicating wherein our message is acceptable and wherein offensive to Mohammedans. There is here also some fine analysis of the religious spirit and experience of Mohammedans.

Part III, with the title "Fishers of Men," deals with the winning method in Mohammedan missions. It is gratifying to find here a thorough grasp on the Christian essentials and along with the plea for entire sympathy the equally clear insistence on uncompromising fidelity to the essential nature of Christian-