

various kinds of assemblies, their functions and the history of legislation through these assemblies down to the beginning of the empire. The author declares that "this volume is the first to offer in monographic form a detailed treatment of the popular assemblies of ancient Rome" and "has required patient labor extending through many years", for "the known sources and practically all the modern authorities have been utilized", VII. One can readily believe this statement for the foot notes furnish a mass of detailed reference to sources and modern authorities. Naturally, most of the questions here dealt with have been treated in other works, but the author feels that recent progress, and particularly a certain reaction against Niebuhr and Mommsen justify the work. And besides, his own fresh studies with open mind have brought him to new views not found in other books. In particular he departs widely from Mommsen at many points.

The work is very learned and technical; difficult reading for any but those well acquainted with Roman history and the Latin language. Naturally, a great many questions raised can be settled only by conjecture, owing to the meagerness or lateness of the sources. But for a study of preimperial Roman legislation it is indispensable. No other work with which the reviewer is acquainted has gathered up existing materials as this author has done. The bibliography is practically exhaustive and forms a valuable feature of the work.

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The Second Things of Life. By James Moffatt, B.D., D.D. Hodder & Stoughton (Geo. H. Doran Co.), New York. Pages 144. Price 50 cents net.

This is one of the "Little Books on Religion" edited by Sir W. Robertson Nicoll, D.D. Dr. Moffat has real spiritual insight and a fine literary quality that come out well in this charming booklet. There is much of cheer for the troubled and the stumbling also in his words. The subjects are "The Second Chance", "The Second Blow", "The Second Thought",

“The Second Wave”, “The Second Place”, “The Second Watch”. The book is brimful of suggestions.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

Rev. Morgan John Rhys: “The Welsh Baptist Hero of Civil and Religious Liberty of the Eighteenth Century”. By John T. Griffith, D.D. Carmarthen, Wales. W. M. Graves & Son. Second Edition. 1910. Pages 278.

The first edition appeared in 1899. It is good to know that another edition is called for. Dr. Griffith long lived in Pennsylvania. The book is full of information about Welsh Baptists and their influence on America. Dr. Griffith knows both countries well. Pres. Rush Rhees, of Rochester University, is a descendant of Morgan John Rhys. The book is largely in the form of diary and gives a vivid picture of life in the eighteenth century. There are various pictures of members of the Rhys family. The book is well done.

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