

The Day of the Cross. A Course of Sermons on the Men and Women and Some of the Notable Things of the Crucifixion of Jesus. By W. M. Clow, B.D., author of "The Cross in Christian Experience". Hodder & Stoughton, New York. 1909. Pages 383.

Readers of *The Cross in Christian Experience* will gladly welcome this new volume by this fresh and vigorous Glasgow preacher. He has his own way of putting things and it is a delightful way. But the most noteworthy feature of this preacher is his spiritual insight and sympathy. He has eyes to see what seems obvious after it is pointed out, and a distinctly modern note in his breadth of view. But he is loyal to the real Gospel, the only Gospel, that of the cross. Some of the best of the sermons are those on Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod, Pilate's Wife, The Blood of Jesus, The Joy of the Way to Calvary, The Cross as Love's Necessity, Mary the Mother of Jesus. These are real sermons on a great subject.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

Christ and Man. Sermons. By the Late Marcus Dods, D.D., Principal of New College, Edinburgh. Hodder & Stoughton, New York. 1909. Pages 275.

Prof. H. R. Mackintosh, D.D., of New College, has edited this volume of sermons by the great Scotch scholar. They exhibited the best qualities of Dr. Dods as an expository preacher. He discusses such themes as Christ's Sympathy With the Tempted, The Temptation of Jesus, Christ's Sacrifice and Ours. There are twenty-three in all. They are manly sermons that grip the soul.

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The Temple. By Lyman Abbott. The Macmillan Co., New York. Price \$1.25.

This is a small book, 171 pages. It is the third book of a series. "The Great Companion," to portray the Christian's faith in God; "The Other Room", his faith in life; "The Temple", his faith in man. There are fourteen chapters; *the body, the eye, the ear* (two chapters), *the tongue, the hand, the feet, the appetites, the passions, the imagination, the con-*

science, the intuition, the reason, love. Rather an attractive bill of fare!

Dr. Abbott is well known. His style is not ornate, but simple, plain and manly. He makes his message clear. The message is a lesson in practical ethics. How shall we use our bodies in this daily life? What is the temple for? Critical questions are ignored, not because the author has no answer to them, but because there is a greater question in his mind—How shall we use our God-given powers?

I would not say that there is anything *new* in the book—there may be to some readers. I rather like it on this account. This writer of many books knows the value of *practical godliness*. Long years of experience have made him wise and he is contented to give us the benefit of his wisdom. As I close the book I am reminded of these words of a wise man of other ages: "This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard; fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man!"

J. P. GREENE.

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The Aristocracy of Grace. By Rev. R. Ballentine, M.A., Author of "On the Way to the Throne", "Skating on Thin Ice", etc. London. 1909. Elliot Stock. Pages x+154.

It is a conceit of this author to think of those who are achieving best the ends of humanity in terms of our social pride. The electing grace of God realized in redemption makes of its subjects a select class, an inner circle, who are the true aristocrats.

The aim is a good one, to attract the thoughtful young minds to the acquiring of clear and somewhat comprehensive conceptions of Bible teaching with a view to inculcating high ideals and awakening holy aspirations. There are fourteen brief chapters, dealing with the plan of making and perfecting the Christian life. We find some recognition of the problems and hindrances to be met in the way to a truly Christian life. These are dealt with quite briefly and sometimes rather summarily, but the total impression is satisfying and the effect of the reading will be wholesome.