

lost world", to the Bible "as the true record of the infallible Son"; and in the second place "fidelity to the waiting world". "The historical question of moment is not which denomination is prior, but which is primal."

The booklet is a spiritual tonic. It is not foolishly optimistic in prophetic note. It sees the past failures and acknowledges the present weaknesses and dangers of the Baptists, but it holds up before our eyes an opportunity that is a mighty call to heroic endeavor, and it believes the Baptists can meet the opportunity.

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### **The Cloud of Witnesses, and Other Sermons.**

By Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, D.D. Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

The past generation of Baptists has included no preacher superior to the author of this volume of sermons. Indeed, the author is of the present generation, although he insists upon referring to himself rather in the past tense. No man among us is more youthful in spirit or more optimistic in his view of life and the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Hawthorne has a remarkable command of the English language. His style is as clear as crystal. There is not a weak sentence in the book. These sermons exhibit clear thought, careful exegesis, and intense vigor of thought, feeling and expression. The first sermon in the volume, "The Cloud of Witnesses", is one of the most remarkable we have read. This sermon alone is worth far more than the cost of the volume. The sermons also on "Why We Should Serve and Honor all Men, Humility and Its Counterfeits", and various others are sermons of great power.

Dr. Hawthorne's career has been a knightly one. He has advocated every cause of righteousness; he has never wavered in his devotion to the highest ideals; he has been undaunted in his courage, and marvellously skillful and magnetic in his presentation of great truths to his generation. No wonder young men have been so enthusiastic over him, and have loved to hover in his shadow. As one reads these pages, he feels the propulsion of a great character and the urgency of an

earnest soul. Dr. Hawthorne possesses in an eminent degree the temperament and the gifts of an orator. Indeed, there is no living man whom we could name who equals him in these respects. There are men who have gifts of rhetoric, but sometimes their rhetoric runs away with them. There are men who have reasoning powers of a high order, but they may not possess vividness of imagination and feeling to set their logic on fire. There are men with feeling, men who move one profoundly to tears, but who do not always carry weight of thought in combination with feeling. Here we have a man who combines the power of argument, skill in the use of rhetoric, vivid imagination and intense feeling and high literary skill in a unity which is as attractive as it is rare.

Every preacher in the United States should have a copy of this book. This reviewer wishes to express the earnest desire that Dr. Hawthorne will publish other volumes of sermons before he goes hence. Would God that his health might be fully restored, that he might continue his ministrations in the pulpit and on the platform.

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### **That Blessed Hope. The Second Coming of Christ.**

By Rev. David Heagle, Ph.D., D.D. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

The question of the second coming of Christ still engages the attention of students of the Bible. In recent years there has been an increase of interest in the subject. The Christian world has been divided into premillenarians and postmillenarians. In this volume the writer undertakes to mediate between these two views. He takes the position that the question of the millenium is not one which should be controlling in our interpretation of the Scriptural statements regarding the second coming of Christ. Holding, as he does, firmly to the view that the New Testament predicts the literal personal return of Christ to the earth, he maintains that the millenium, or a thousand years of perfect piety in the world, should as far as possible be eliminated from the discussion. He bases this statement on the fact that the Scriptures refer to the thousand years in only one place, the twentieth chapter