

The above is a very brief outline of a very interesting discussion by a man who knows thoroughly the old and has deep sympathy with modern theology. The last chapter is devoted to the subject, *The Church: Its Present Opportunity and Duty*. The title suggests greater divergence from the older views than is found in the book itself. There is no adequate recognition of the guilt-consciousness of the sinner nor of regeneration by the Holy Spirit. The discussion will be very helpful to those who seek to know the ways in which modern theology is changing the emphasis in doctrinal teaching. E. Y. MULLINS.

New Proofs of the Soul's Existence. By S. S. Hibberd. Sherman, French & Co., Boston. 1914. \$1.00 net.

The argument begins with a discussion of the idea of a perfect cause, and proceeds to prove God's existence by showing that as the perfect cause He is possessed of infinitude, unity, rationality, and power of self-limitation for the sake of others. Conceptions of causation on any lower level come short of the proper idea of a perfect cause. The existence of the human soul is proved by showing that it is (1) an agent unifying the flux of thought and feeling; (2) as an activity in polar contrast with that of the mere body; (3) as a free cause, finite indeed, but still closely akin to the divine. Immortality follows since the soul is a "perfect unit and unifying agency," that death cannot affect it. The author states that the mysteries of the relation between matter and mind all concern their union in this life not their separation in the life to come. This conclusion while containing truth is an overstatement. One of the best features of the discussion is the treatment of the idea of causation, an idea which, through much mental confusion among moderns, has led to endless difficulties and often needless debates. The best and final proof of immortality is the power of the immortal life in Christ at work in the soul. But efforts to prove immortality on the plane of the natural reason will always afford a field for intellectual effort. This booklet is well worth reading by all students of the subject. E. Y. MULLINS.