

## II. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

**The Way Everlasting.** By James Denney, D.D. Hodder & Stoughton (Geo. H. Doran Co.), New York and London. 1911. Pages, 320. \$1.50, net.

We have here the first volume of sermons that Dr. Denney has published. He is known as one of the most brilliant of modern theologians of the world. The United Free Church College at Glasgow rejoices in the possession of Dr. Denny for the New Testament Chair. But Dr. Denney is a great preacher. There are those who have said to me that they consider him the ablest living preacher. Certainly these sermons have rare charm of thought and style and a subtle winsomeness that belongs to his personality. In this volume the twenty-five sermons deal mainly with experimental religion, but all in harmony with the title of the book. They are not too technical nor too popular, but rich and "meaty" sermons, full of the Word of God, exegetical in the best sense of that term. I shall never forget a sermon that I heard Dr. Denney preach in the Chapel of Mansfield College, Oxford, when Principal Fairbairn was in command (now, alas, gone on before). It is not often that two such men meet on the same platform. These Scotchmen put us to shame after all, but we can thank God for what they do for us.

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**The Religion of Joy.** By Ethel Blackwell Robinson, S.B., M.D. Boston, Sherman, French & Co. 1911. Pages, 122. \$1.00 net.

In spirit this book is most commendable, though marred by some extravagances of opinion and expression. A quotation or two will set it before the reader better than whole pages of comment or criticism. "Religion is life, living. The religion of today must be applied religion and grow with the larger life. As life expands and sweetens, it shines full of deep meanings, of God within all things."

"Why are the churches so empty? and why do men say that people have withdrawn from religious expression? Because the interpretations of religion are generally so gloomy and sombre."