

The author does not hesitate to misquote the Bible and to misinterpret and misapply it. When a given passage may be used to express his idea by altering one or two words this is done and the quotation marks used. Although the alteration utterly perverts the original meaning of the passage.

Yet the work is full of suggestions for rational living and might be very useful in leading to methods of thought and action that would contribute to spiritual growth. Only one must always distinguish facts and practical suggestions from the explanation of the author and his interpretation of the principles of spiritual life.

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Faith and Health. By Charles Reynolds Brown. Author of "The Young Man's Affairs", "The Social Message of the Modern Pulpit", "The Main Points", and "The Strange Ways of God". New York. 1910. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

Here is the book that was lacking in the growing library of books with all sorts of theories on how to get free from the ills flesh is heir to.

This work sums up the teachings of modern faith-cures and points the way to a true appreciation of the nature and spiritual value of disease and the way to healthful use of religious faith in physical ills.

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What Life Means to Me. By Wilfred T. Grenfell, M. D. The Pilgrim Press, Chicago. 1910. Pages 32. Price 50 cents net. Post-paid 55 cents.

A real soul-tonic—one of the cheeriest, brightest, bravest little books—is this brief interpretation of life by "the apostle of Labrador", the immortal Doctor Grenfell. "That is what life means to me"—he says, summing up the significance of a thrilling life-story involving himself and others—"a place where a Father deals differently with His different children, but with all in love; a place where true joys do not hang on material pegs, and where all the time the fact that God our Father is on His throne lines every cloud with gold". The

dainty volume is gotten out in the best style of the printer's art; bound in boards of white imitation vellum, with end leaves gold tinted, with a picturesque portrait of the sailor author and doctor as a frontice-piece, and a harmonious scheme of decoration throughout; making a capital graduation or birthday gift for a boy or young man.

GEO. B. EAGER.

Product and Climax. By Simon Nelson Patten. B. W. Huebsch. New York. 1909. Pages 68.

The title is not happily chosen, unless it were chosen with the purpose of exciting curiosity. The essay however is charmingly written, suggestive and delightfully provoking in its presentation of partial truths. The main thought is the great social value of pleasure as being the climax of experience, in which life attains its satisfaction and receives its renewal after the depression and demoralization of overwork. Pleasure is a great moralizing and socializing agency; but, of course, that is true only of the forms of pleasure that afford healthful stimulation and are quickening and vitalizing. The more this sort of pleasure is brought within the reach of all the people, the less we shall have to emphasize the negative, prohibitory side of morality. These sentences give the key to the argument: "Moral agencies are incomplete so long as they are merely shelters against dangers made by disease, misery, crime. They serve but negatively as devices for protection like prisons, churches and philanthropies, or as preparations to meet dangers as do the schools. They will not be complete until they become concrete expressions of happiness, security and pleasure in life." The author's view is one-sided; but the side he contemplates is a very important side. More serious attention should be given to pleasure as a means of building up life.

C. S. GARDNER.

The Social Gospel. By Shailer Mathews, Dean of the Divinity School, University of Chicago. Philadelphia. The Griffith & Rowland Press. 1910. Pages 168.

This is a well-written manual intended for classes of young