

drudgery of reading a large volume written in an uninviting and difficult style.

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The Unexplored Self. An Introduction to Christian Doctrine for Teachers and Students. By George R. Montgomery, Ph.D., Assistant Minister at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, New York city. New York and London. 1910. G. P. Putnam's Sons. viii+249 pages. \$1.25 net.

Now, here is surely a new sort of text-book on theology. It is written by a man who, beginning in agnosticism has found God-in-Christ the answer to his needs and has taken up the task of leading men to God through Christ. He comes to the task with a two-edged sword, cutting deep into the heart of skepticism and Unitarianism on the one hand, and on the other lopping off formal dogmatism from orthodox Christianity with a ruthless swing. But he goes to the heart of the matter by the inductive method, by which he has himself found the peace of God. For him theology is as far as possible from being a metaphysical discipline or a creed of dogmas. It is essentially a practical interpretation of man's self as made for God and realizing that end in a spiritual apprehension of Him in Jesus. Seeing God thus man finds himself. "A man therefore sees at the same time, God, himself and the Spirit of Christ, and these three are one." There are twenty-three short chapters, cut up into paragraphs, yet there is remarkable fullness of outline. Take, for illustration, these chapter topics, "Kinship and the Cross", "Under Authority", "Atrophy of Death", "The Reborn Self", "Doubt a Shrinking Back".

It is to be regretted that a vital and vigorous work with a positive purpose should go out of its way to condemn others with different methods. A "note" is added to the preface, apparently at the last moment before publication, attacking the publications of "The Testimony Publishing Company", known as "The Fundamentals". Such a condemnation was in no way called for, is out of harmony with the purpose of the author's work, and is wholly gratuitous.

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