

brief treatment of Wesley and his work with which the reviewer is acquainted. He relates him to all the spiritual and intellectual forces and movements of the eighteenth century, shows how the man and the age acted and reacted upon each other, and withal makes a fascinating story. The style is fresh, crisp and clear; every page is interesting.

The author is a hero worshiper and possibly exaggerates the influence of Wesley and the Methodist church. But who can gauge spiritual forces. Such enthusiasm is easily pardoned and in fact is very refreshing. Of all the lives of Wesley this is the one which I would most heartily recommend to pastors.

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### **HISTORY OF THE INQUISITION OF SPAIN.**

By Henry Charles Lea, LL.D. In four volumes. Vol. III. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1907.

The first two volumes of this great work have been noted and briefly reviewed in these columns. In this third volume the author continues the story of Practice through the use of torture and the various proceedings of the trial. He then discusses the various forms of punishment extending in a long and awful series through reprimand, abjuration, exile, razing houses, the scourging, the galleys, perpetual imprisonment and the stake with its public *auto de fe*. The devilish ingenuity of this tribunal in the invention of means and instruments of human suffering is almost incredible.

The closing section of this volume is given to a consideration of its spheres of action, including the Jews, converted Moors suspected of apostasy and finally Protestants. The closing chapter deals with the censorship of the press. An appendix contains statistics of offenses and penalties and several official documents of importance. The whole volume displays the masterly grasp of detail and the thorough treatment of the sources which

former volumes have shown. When this history of the Spanish Inquisition is complete another will scarcely be necessary.

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**THE AGE OF SCHISM.** Being an Outline of the History of the Church from A. D. 1304 to A. D. 1503.

By Herbert Bruce, M.A., Lecturer and Head of the Department of History in the University College, Cardiff. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1907. Pages 278. Price, \$1.00 net.

The two centuries covered by this volume were a gloomy period for the kingdom of God. The high plane of the thirteenth century was not kept, the church plunged down a mighty precipice of power and influence. Divisions and strife were frequent, bitter and blasting. Learning and ability well nigh perished from the earth, as well as character. And yet it was an interesting and important period; for in it were laid the foundations of the Protestant Reformation.

Mr. Bruce has written an excellent account of Christianity in this period. He does not spare, avoid or condone the evils that gnawed at the life of the church from top to bottom, from pope and curia to priest and peasant; but neither does he forget that there was much good in the church at the same time. The relation of the papacy to the political world, the character and actions of the curia and popes, the lives and work of the great prelates, the contact of man with man in the parishes, all are told with admirable clearness and proportion. No other work of like proportions with which reviewer is acquainted presents so full and excellent a treatment of the period.

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**A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS.** New and Illustrated Edition.

By Henry C. Vedder. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. 1907. Pages 431.

Dr. Vedder's "Short History of the Baptists" has been before the public since 1892 and has won an important place in the literature of the subject. The present edi-