

use of the scientific studies of others. The "book lays no claim to originality save in the form in which the results of the labors of others in this wide field are presented".

The author is optimistic, hopeful for the future of Mohammedan missions. He believes today offers a crisis, an opportunity, which Christianity does not miss or neglect. In the brief compass of this work there is a fairly comprehensive and satisfactory treatment of the origin, content, history and present condition of Mohammedanism. Few volumes of equal size contains so much valuable information and inspiration for the pastor.

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The Fruit of the Desert.

By Everett T. Tomlinson. The Griffith & Rowland Press, Philadelphia and London. 1907. Pages 492. Price, \$2.00.

Frontier missions have furnished material for several admirable stories such, as Black Rock, Sky Pilot, etc. Hitherto, these have dealt chiefly with missions in the Northwest. "The Fruit of the Desert" is an excellent story of mission work in the Indian Territory. The missionary, Hugh Bradford, is a manly young fellow, with the right spirit in him. The difficulties and discouragements with the brighter sides of missionary labor are well told, and there is a delightful story of pure and high human love. The book can be heartily recommended.

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VI. APOLOGETIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY.

The Philosophical Basis of Religion.

By John Watson, M. A., LL.D. James Maclehose & Sons, 1907.

Modern philosophy is being invaded by idealism. The older materialistic conception of the world is giving place to this type of philosophy which is a vast improvement upon it. We have here 466 pages of closely reasoned exposition of the general thought contained in the title. In the first lecture the author discusses religion and authority. He says religion is at once a life, a creed, and a ritual, and as any one of these constituents may be accentuated, there are three main types of re-