

than half of American students are now professing Christians. The outlook for the new century is regarded as most encouraging. The author reasonably apprehends that his method of dealing with the subject will not prove altogether satisfactory to the student of social problems, but he is certainly to be commended for gathering together such an array of facts and figures bearing in a real way upon this vital subject, and for the grasp and skill he has shown in grouping the results under epochs, not arbitrarily, but rationally determined. The Pilgrim Press has done its part well.

GEO. B. EAGER.

Christianity and Socialism.

By Washington Gladden. New York, Eaton & Mains, 1905. Price \$1 net.

The author's frank apology for the title of this little book of five lectures forestalls criticism, for though not a formal treatise of its theme it does have something to say on the two great matters which its title indicates. There are five lectures, delivered before Drew Theological Seminary, with the following titles: The Sermon on the Mount as the Basis of Social Reconstruction, Labor Wars, The Programme of Socialism, The True Socialism, Lights and Shadows of Municipal Reform. Both Dr. Gladden himself and many others have already said most of the things said in the lectures, and yet they are—for the most part—things that need to be often said, and said by many, and in different places. The need of basing all true reform on the regenerate life and the Christian ethic; the importance of distinguishing between Socialism and Anarchism and giving to the former credit for all its good, and intelligent criticism upon all its crudeness and inadequacy; the necessity of taking sane and just views of the relations of labor and capital; the right definition of social duty and of social ideals; and the pressing weight of the problem, both theoretical and practical, which confronts the American people in the matter of municipal government—these are the topics insisted on in the book. They are presented in a clear and pleasing style, with

a balance of judgment and a fervor of earnestness which commend them to all readers, even though here and there something in thought or statement compels qualification or dissent.

E. C. DARGAN.

How to Conduct a Sunday School.

By Marion Lawrence. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Chicago, etc. 1905. \$1.25 net.

No Sunday-school man in the field is better or more favorably known than the author of this book. The book might be termed, as some one has suggested, an encyclopedia of Sunday-school wisdom by the most experienced writer on the subject. As secretary of the International Sunday-school Committee, Mr. Lawrence has been called to visit schools and conventions of teachers in every part of the world, and, probably, has compared ideas with more workers than any other leader in the land. Naturally, therefore, there is evident here a broadness of vision and treatment that make the work likely to be about as useful to one school, or teacher, as to another. His varied experience as teacher, superintendent, query-master of *The Sunday-school Times*, and secretary of the International Convention; extended first and last over thirty odd years, has enabled him to make this volume a real Sunday-school handbook, equally valuable to each department and every sort of school. It deals with all phases of the work, not from the standpoint of an impossible idealism, but, for the most part at least, in a practical way, and in a way to help others to make the best theories and principles practicable and actual. Rightly read, it will prove useful, we are sure, to pastors, superintendents and teachers alike.

GEO. B EAGER.

Bible Study Popularized.

By Frank P. Lee. The Winona Publishing Company, Chicago. 1904.

This book recognizes the signs of a growing popular interest in Bible study and aims to promote it. It is well to be interested in Biblical criticism and questions *about* the Bible, it is of far greater importance that the people