

such topics as the following: *The Ultimate Test; The Average Man's Religion; The Forgotten God; A Radiating Gospel; The Essence of Prayer; The Unveiling of Deity; The Fact of Immortality; the Demand for Reality.*

The author insists upon vital faith in Christ as the essential element in the Christian life: "Faith is not mere intellectual assent; it is the consent of the whole man (mind, conscience, heart, will) to the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ." That vital faith requires an expression in doctrinal belief is made very plain. "We believe it to be practically impossible to maintain for long the moral beauty of the Christian character without its doctrinal basis. Is not militant Prussia the natural fruit of hybrid Christianity with a dash of Nietzsche thrown in?" Again, "The doctrines of Christianity are the logical exponents of its facts and the facts are the basis of its life."

Writing on the subject, "The Joyous Yea", the author says: "Let us have anything, therefore—anything in the world—but good-natured toleration. Let it be a sharp nay if it must. If we do believe, even a little bit, let it be a joyous yea; a yea so sure of the truth to which it gives its glad assent that it expects out of it new experience and fuller life" (p. 73-74).

As to the Virgin Birth of Christ, the author holds that our experience of Christ's deity in our redemptive experience of his power prepares us to accept the Virgin Birth as a natural and reasonable explanation of how the divine and eternal Son could enter the world in human form.

This book will prove a strong stimulus to the faith of Christians and a very great help to the earnest and intelligent inquirer who desires practical guidance on the greatest concerns of the soul.

E. Y. MULLINS.

**Ornamented Orthodoxy: Studies in Christian Constancy.** By Edgar DeWitt Jones, D.D. Introduction by Prof. Arthur S. Hoyt, D.D., LL.D. New York: Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Co. 221 pp.

The author of these sermons succeeded R. J. Campbell as pastor of the City Temple, London, being called to that position from a small western city in the United States. These sermons are brief, and not ambitious either in thought or style; but singularly clear, vital and spiritual, and most felicitous in illustration.

In one instance there seems to be a disappointing lack of clearness in the exposition of the meaning of the text. I refer to the fourteenth sermon, on the text: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs", etc. The author tells us clearly what it does not mean, but leaves, it seems

to me, the positive meaning obscure. But that is exceptional. It is not apparent why the title, "Ornamented Orthodoxy", should have been chosen for the volume.

C. S. GARDNER.

**The Joyful Hours of Jesus.** By J. Gibson Lowrie, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, 1918. 203 pp. \$1.25.

Fourteen happy sermons constitute a volume out of the ordinary. The spiritual note is struck that gave Jesus joy while on earth. In these days of gloom one can find comfort in communing with Christ. He was the man of sorrows, yes, and of joy as well.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**Higher Living.** By Smith Baker, M. D. Boston, Sherman, French & Company, 1917. x-404 pp. \$1.75.

Books that undertake to show wayward and weak human nature through life's maze of doubts, difficulties and dangers are numerous and usually valueless. Occasionally one like "The Simple Life" strikes a popular chord and is a success. The volume under review ought to belong to this class. The ideal of living set forth is really "the higher life", the phases of life which are considered are the main points where success is achieved or shipwreck is made. The thought is sane, balanced and delicate; the style is beautiful and poetic. The author is a physician of sincere piety, sound Christian principles and genuine delicacy of feeling. So far as the reviewer can see, this book ought to prove interesting and exceedingly suggestive and stimulating to all readers.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

**Salvation.** By Lewis Sperry Chafer. New York, Charles C. Cook. 138 pp. 75 cts.

The purpose of this book is evangelistic, but it is that kind of evangelism which has teaching as well. Chapter I treats of the word Salvation in a scholarly way and at the same time one can feel the preacher's appeal first to the lost that they may find Christ and then to the believers, that they may live Christ. Logically following upon this Repentance, Faith, Grace, Assurance, Security are discussed. The book closes with an earnest appeal to all classes. One could wish that many might read this book.

H. C. WAYMAN.