

of the world—a new and mighty and all-conquering morality—triumphant holiness.

Dr. Mabie has the right starting-point: Jesus Christ is the God-man! He existed before he came into the world. He voluntarily became incarnate. This was God's plan, fore-ordained. Such a person could not die as a man dies. His death must have a divine import. The grave could not hold him, and he had to ascend to God. So also he must be living now.

Here is our Savior! Is there anything that he cannot do for us? Of necessity his salvation is *full* and *free*! He is all and in all!

"How does the death of Christ save us?" If you can think of anything at all that is necessary to your salvation and the salvation of the whole world, you will find it in the sacrificial death of the God-man, Jesus Christ. All that read this book prayerfully, will lay it down praising God—and thanking the devout author.

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### **Christian Science. The Faith and its Founder.**

By Lyman P. Powell. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 1907. Pp. 261.

There is already a large and rapidly growing literature of Christian Science which touches every phase of the subject from both hostile and friendly standpoints. Christian Science is one of the most curious and interesting of the religious phenomena of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Its rise in the light of common day at Boston, supposed to be the intellectual hub of the country, its triumph over great difficulties, its rapid spread and powerful hold upon the lives of many good and cultured people, make it a subject of more than passing interest. Indeed so strong and aggressive is it in some quarters that it cannot be ignored. It is, therefore, a matter for gratulation that we have at last a comprehensive, sane, balanced study of the new cult, based upon abundant information gathered from all available sources. The author was long favorable to Mrs. Eddy's work and still accords generous recognition of good Christian Science has done in many cases. This fact only lends point to the telling criticism

which his final appraisal of Mrs. Eddy and her work makes. He declares his purpose was "to write a book in which the average man who is outside of Christian Science can find the things he wants to know about its theory and practice." In appreciation the author says, page 8: "No one doubts the good intentions of the Christian Scientists. Some of the purest souls alive to-day are Christian Scientists. They have done much good, . . . have helped the sick, reformed the drunkard, reclaimed the prodigal, brought surcease to many a sorrow and anxiety, tempered life's asperities, furnished a philosophy for every-day existence where there was none before, filled souls with what Charles Klein has called 'happiness far beyond my wildest dreams.'" Again, page 11, Christian Scientists "believe in spiritual things, and they are as bold in uttering their beliefs as were the early Christians. There is never the apologetic note. . . . They are protests in the flesh against the worldliness and the ecclesiasticism which afflict the Church, and the materialism and lust which threaten the foundations of the social order." See also pp. 135, 136.

Having said so much in commendation the author takes up the reverse side. With regard to the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health," he shows that Mrs. Eddy claims that it is inspired and practically puts it above the Bible in religious services, he criticises the book and points out that its publication and sale have been and is a stupendous money-making business. In the third chapter the origin of the ideas is considered and it is shown that Mrs. Eddy borrowed from Dr. Quimby and then repudiated her master and benefactor. The fourth chapter deals with the founder of the faith herself, and it is no lovely picture which is drawn. Mrs. Eddy has ever been nervous, sensitive, domineering, contentious, wilful, a burden to those about her. She has been often in the courts in bitter controversy over trivial matters. As a philosophy Christian Science is only a phase of Idealism which is as old as history almost. "Spinoza's 'Universal Substance' is substantially Mrs. Eddy's Infinite Mind" (p. 109). As a religion and theology it denies the personality of God and the divinity

and atoning work of Christ: "Jesus is the human man and Christ is the divine, hence the duality of Jesus, the Christ" (p. 143). Christian Science is the Holy Spirit, the comforter. It was Mrs. Eddy herself who brought it into the world.

In the field of practical life the author admits that Christian Science has benefited and even cured many forms of disease. He classes it with other systems of mental healing and regards it as neither more nor less effective than they, concluding "that, like all other systems of mental healing, Christian Science rests upon the well-established principle of suggestion" (p. 201). At the same time Christian Science has not recognized its limitations as have other systems and by attempting to heal all forms of disease has entailed much suffering. "The way of Christian Science is strewn with broken hearts and maimed bodies, ruined health and lives sacrificed, because under the hypnotic spell of Mrs. Eddy, her subjects have refused, except under compulsion of public indignation or of the law, to make such allowance" (p. 200). The author finds that the darkest phase of the whole movement perhaps is its effect upon the marriage relation.

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### **The Sinlessness of Jesus.**

By Max Meyer, Lic. Theol. Gottberg, Germany. Eaton & Mains, New York. 1908. Pages 47. Price 40 cents.

The author has given a direct, able and satisfying discussion of this important theme. He shows how the New Testament teaches the sinlessness of Jesus and how Jesus had no inherent sin else he could not have been wholly free from sin. In just this he differs from us. He had no bent toward sin, and yet he was really tempted. The temptation came to him from without, not within.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

### **St. Paul as a Theologian.**

By Paul Feine, Professor in the University of Vienna, Austria. Parts I, II. 1908. Eaton & Mains, New York. Pages 65, 98. Price 40 cents each.

Prof. Feine has preformed his task with great ability and incisiveness. He shows Paul's true relation to Judaism and firm grasp of the great truths about Christ. He denies that