

course. The editions differ chiefly in form and illustration. Good illustrations and highly valuable appendices and an introduction by Rev. John E. White, D.D., are useful features.

To tell the story of the Negro in America is a delicate and difficult task. To be faithful to facts and yet offend neither the ignorant and doctrinaire friend on the one hand nor the sensible Southerners who by force of circumstances have suffered and inflicted wrongs by reason of the Negro, is not easy. It ought to be obvious that the religious is the only hopeful approach thus, and in the spirit of Christian fellowship leaves little to be asked in the method of dealing with the subject.

The sub-title, "The Evolution of a Race", is significant also. Only from this standpoint can the present position and condition of the American Negro be understood and interpreted. The comparison, and the contrast, with the Negro in Africa is the first step, the weighing of each characteristic and condition in the light of the principles of religious evolution under Christian impulse and effort is the process by which hope enters the problem and fills it with a seasoned, healthy optimism. Such are the standpoint and method of this work. It is brief and may be open to suggestive criticism here or there, but it is a truly notable work and will add immensely to a true knowledge of the Negro and to helpfulness in the journey along "the upward path."

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**South America: Its Missionary Problems.** By Bishop Thomas B. Neeley New York. 1909. Young People's Missionary Movement; to be had of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Pages x+312. Price 50 cents.

The story of South America's natural resources, political history, religious and social condition, missionary need and opportunity is one of the most engaging the world has to offer today. In this volume that story has been told with condensed fullness and charm such as ought to make this one of the most popular and useful of all "study courses".

Beautiful illustrations, good maps, an instructive chart, sug-

gestive questions, a full bibliography, a convenient index add to the value and attractiveness of the little volume.

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**The History of the London Society For Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews From 1809 to 1908.** By Rev. W. T. Gidney, M.A., Secretary of the Society, Author of "Missions to the Jews", "Sites and Scenes", "At Home and Abroad", etc., etc. London. 1908. Published by the Society. Pages xxxi+672.

An adequate review of this large centenary volume would involve a discussion of the whole problem of Jewish evangelization with its many vexatious, as well as some encouraging, phases. The author has long been known as a foremost authority for the condition of the Jews in the world and for the efforts of Christians to win them to the acceptance of their Christ. It was a stupendous task when Mr. Gidney undertook to write the story of a hundred years of this society which has disbursed some fourteen millions of dollars and engaged many laborers in all Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa in this work. No effort is made to tabulate results in any definite and complete way, but it is estimated that nearly a quarter of a million converts were "baptized" in the century. Presumably this estimate is meant to include children of Christian-Jewish parents, however many generations they may have been identified with Gentile churches. Even so it is no mean result.

The author has divided the century into ten periods, but not by the arbitrary method of decades. He has rather sought to make epochal periods, though in one or two instances possibly influenced by the thought that the length of discussion called for a new start and so indicated a new period. So far as one may judge, the material is handled with discrimination and faithfulness. The difficulties and misunderstandings that seem to inhere in organizations for Jewish missions are not concealed, but are never paraded nor told for their own sake.

Introductory chapters sketch efforts throughout the Christian era to evangelize the Jews and give an account of the his-