

tion. Dr. Tisdall appreciates the good of all faiths and thoroughly maintains the fundamental religious nature of man. But he is quite convinced that Hegel was right in setting Christianity in a class by itself apart from all others. He arraigns some writers who have misrepresented the facts in the effort to set forth superior virtues in the literature of ethnic religions. He exposes the defects of others who have emphasized superficial similarities in religions while neglecting essential contrasts. Taking up the elements fundamental in all religion the author compares the Christian teaching with that of other religions. There is fairness and sympathy but no hesitation or compromise. Perhaps the just balance is not always quite maintained. Still the work is timely and very able. The volume belongs to Scott's "Library of Historic Theology."

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Christian and Mohammedan, A Plea for Bridging the Chasm. By George F. Herrick, fifty years missionary of the American Board in Turkey. New York, 1912. Fleming H. Revell Company. 253 pages, \$1.25 net.

This work falls into four sections. An "Introductory" and a "Supplementary Chapter" deal with the general aspects of the Mohammedan situation and with the general conception of the modern missionary.

Part I is historical, setting forth the conditions under which Islam arose and the relations of Christianity and Islam through the centuries, with the effect of these relations on the general attitude of the two toward each other.

Part II outlines "What Christendom Now Offers Modern Peoples," indicating wherein our message is acceptable and wherein offensive to Mohammedans. There is here also some fine analysis of the religious spirit and experience of Mohammedans.

Part III, with the title "Fishers of Men," deals with the winning method in Mohammedan missions. It is gratifying to find here a thorough grasp on the Christian essentials and along with the plea for entire sympathy the equally clear insistence on uncompromising fidelity to the essential nature of Christian-

ity. It will do no good to win Mohammedans to a superficially conceived Christian faith.

This volume by a seasoned worker of fifty years' experience is a fine corrective of the largely theoretical errors of men like MacDonald who, unconsciously, compromise the faith in the plea for a method in missions which they have never tried in actual work.

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Missions; Their Rise and Development. By Louise Creighton, author of "A First History of England," "Life of Sir Walter Raleigh," "Life and Letters of Dr. Creighton," etc. New York, 1912. Henry Holt and Company. 256 pages. 50 cents net.

It is gratifying to find this volume in "The Home University Library of Modern Knowledge." It is a just recognition of the cultural value of the study of Missions. The work is so brief that it is necessarily fragmentary. American work is relatively slighted. The main current of the history is traced with clearness and the style is easy, graceful and direct. It is not a mere history but a sympathetic discussion as well, closing with a survey of the present extent and the present opportunity. The author has made herself acquainted with the results of the scientific study of methods and aims of Missions.

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An Isle of Eden; A Story of Porto Rico. By Janie Prichard Duggan, author of "A Mexican Ranch," "The Senora's Granddaughters," "Passion and Patience," etc. Philadelphia, The Griffith & Rowland Press, 1912. 346 pages, \$1.25 net.

A splendidly written, well-illustrated story is this of the experiences in Porto Rico of an unmarried lady missionary. With a keen sympathy for the joys and sorrows, blessings and lonelinesses of such a missionary, Mrs. Duggan has brought her trained powers to the task of honoring the woman who goes alone—still alone, however much she may be in the midst of friends—into a mission land to carry the gladness of the Gospel. The de-