

This assurance has its bases in the word of the living Christ; the justice and love of God; the strong certainty of Christian experience. Death is an "open door" to blessed peace, to realized desire, to fullness of opportunity and to endless day. The following headings of the chapters suggest the method of presentation: "If a Man Die"; "If it Were Not So"; "The Banished Fear"; "Spirit With Spirit Can Meet"; "With What Body do They Come?" "Shadow and Substance"; "At the Long Last"; "The Open Door". The subject matter of this volume—belief in a future life—has been and will continue to be, so long as man is in this world, of supreme interest. The author's method of allowing Jesus to speak will likewise remain man's real method of finding peace in a world of change.

H. C. WAYMAN.

**Americanism and Social Democracy and Social Democracy Explained.** By John Spargo. Harper and Brothers, New York and London, 1918. 338 pp. \$1.50 net each.

These new books on Socialism, or Social Democracy, by an acknowledged authority, serve a double purpose: They state in simple, untechnical language the essentials of Socialism, and they help us to value and interpret the process of socialization now going on in America. This much is certain as to the tomorrow of this world war, Mr. Spargo thinks: The Socialist movement will be revived, restored, re-enacted and sooner or later the Socialist program will be realized. The war found the author engaged in writing the book now appearing on "Social Democracy Explained", but the resulting chaos and demoralization in Socialist circles and the betrayal of the movement by the German Socialist majority caused him to lay it aside for the time being. Now that we are recovering a bit from the shock and schism of the Socialist movement, a revival has ensued and the movement is in process of reorganization and readjustment. The book, therefore, seems more than ever to be needed, and so he gives it to the public in enlarged and final form. Moreover, he conceives that the fact that he felt called upon to break with the party as a party because of its unfaithfulness, as he saw it, to the principles of Socialism, has made it necessary for him not only to explain that he is still a Socialist, but also to help as best he can to make clear, especially to forward-looking, patriotic Americans seeking to know the truth, what constitute the essentials, the fundamental principles and aims of Socialism.

In "Americanism and Social Democracy", he attempts to give just what he conceives to be the program of social democracy for which every patriotic American and lover of his kind can afford to work and should work to realize.

A feature of the book which greatly enhances its value is the appendix, which contains the documents presented at the St. Louis Convention, illustrating and accounting for the schism in the party as a result of its un-American war policy. The books will abundantly repay study. They are characterized by singular clarity and lucidity.

GEO. B. EAGER.

**On the Manuscripts of God.** By Ellen Burns Sherman. The Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati, 1918. 184 pp. \$1.00 net.

Good literature, good popular science, and good religion all in one delightful volume is the rare combination served up in ten rich courses in the feast afforded by Miss Sherman. The title is, of course, from Tennyson. The suggestion is followed out with beauty, elegance and subtle argument. In the best, most winning sense, the essays are religious. How gloriously does God show Himself in all phases of His handiwork to such as have eyes to see. For any who have eyes that have not seen, the charming witchery of these poetic deliniations will be the magic touch to open the blind eyes and unstop the deaf ears, and they will understand the varied language and music of the world.

W. O. CARVER.

**Safe and Unsafe Democracy.** By Henry Ware Jones. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York, 1919. 500 pp., including Index, 8vo. \$2.00 net.

At a time when Democracy is fighting for its very existence, as well as to make the world safe for Democracy, the limelight revelations and red-light warnings of this remarkable book are most timely. It is a trumpet call to purity in the body politic. It is hardly too much to say of it that it stands out like a lighthouse in a storm, and that in a true sense it stands alone, at least in its brave and intelligent effort to define and defend the present pressing obligations and duties of American citizens. The author is no novice. He is a master in his realm. He can apply the acid test and detect the counterfeit of democracy. He can unmask and show the peril of false Democracy. Used to it from his birth, the average man sees nothing strange or seriously wrong in the established social order. Likewise, the average voter accepts customary political usage as right just because it is customary. Now the author shows, what the common run of men are utterly unaware of or unconcerned about, that in practice the American commonwealths, and to a degree the Federal Government, fall far below the shining standard of democratic perfection. Our political