

**The Church and the Changing Order.** By Shailer Mathews. Macmillan Co., New York, 1909. \$1.50 net.

The underlying thought of Dean Mathews here is that the Church is in a real crisis and needs to define and adjust its attitude toward the formative forces of life and society, at work now as at the first and ever since. A "new age" he thinks, is imminent, and the final results of the transition no man dare forecast. This becomes then, for ministers and men in general, more than an academic question—it is "a matter of life and death, both for the Church and the new social order." The multitude of books of this strain, dealing with the social crisis in a serious and religious, as well as more or less scientific way, is a sign of the times. It is cheering to find Dr. Mathews, as well as others of equal insight and breadth of vision, avowing their belief that Christianity is no dying faith, but is splendidly vital and full of the power of a genuine rejuvenescence. We have found this to be one of the books in this trend that will bear re-reading and earnest study.

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**Social Adjustment.** By Scott Nearing, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. New York. 1911. The Macmillan Co. \$1.50 net.

This is a serviceable book. It is not original, nor profound; but conveniently gathers together a very considerable number of social facts and statistics as to some of the most important present-day problems and discusses them in an intelligent and generally discriminating way. The author's position is progressive, but not radical. In his classification of maladjustment, he distinguishes two classes: 1. Those which are remediable through the awakening of the social conscience; such as uniformity in education, low wages and standards (of living), congestion of population, dependence of women, menace of large families, decadence of the home, short duration of the working life. 2. Those regarding which the social conscience has already been awakened, and which are immediately remediable by legis-