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SOCRATES.

By Rev. J. T. Forbes, M.A. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. Pages 282.

This delightful treatise on Socrates belongs to the World's Epoch-Maker Series and is worthy of a place in the list. Mr. Forbes is a Baptist pastor in Glasgow, Scotland. He is a man of real scholarship and critical acumen. While the volume purports to discuss only Socrates, in reality the background of Greek philosophy is pictured so well that one feels that he has had a brief course in Greek thought. Indeed, this is just what Mr. Forbes has done, for one cannot understand Socrates as an isolated phenomenon. The careful weighing of the details of Socrates' system of ethics is thus all the more valuable. Socrates has a charm for Mr. Forbes that is real, not merely perfunctory. Rational ethics absorbed the mind of Socrates. While he always put the sophists in a corner, sometimes he did so by sophistical methods. And yet he was not a mere sophist. A mystery gathers round Socrates that is not entirely removed even by Mr. Forbes. But he has done a fine piece of work.

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THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORK.

By Z. Grenell. Christian Culture Press, Chicago. 1906.

This little volume of 217 pages is, as the author calls it, "a primer of Christian ethics—primer because it is elementary, Christian because it appeals to the Scriptures, especially to the New Testament, as the authority for its positions, ethics because it treats of right character and conduct". This is a very concise and comprehensive description of the book. As a compendium of Christian ethics, it deals with many subjects which are fundamental and vital. The analysis of subjects is as follows: Introduction, two chapters; Duties to Self, six chapters; Duties to Others, eight chapters; Duties to Institutions, four chapters; Duties to God, five chapters, and Conclu-