

The Faith of a Modern Christian. By James Orr, D.D., Professor of Apologetic and Systematic Theology, United Free Church College, Glasgow. New York. 1910. Hodder and Stoughton (George H. Doran Company). viii+240 pages. \$1.50 net.

Here in a dozen brief chapters Dr. Orr has placed the results of his own rich experience and mature thought at the disposal of the average Christian who, while aware that a great critical warfare is on amongst scholars and theologians, has neither the time, the equipment, nor the inclination to mix in the fray, and yet wishes to know what is the outcome for his faith of all the smoke and fury. Dr. Orr deals with the questions of the Scriptures and their criticism; modern science and the miraculous; the incarnation and the place of Jesus in Christianity, His person and His teachings; the development of the early church and Paul's relation to it; the comparison of Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. These topics are not chapter headings, but are given as a summary topical statement of the contents of the book, which closes with a chapter giving "The Present Outlook". The note of pessimism in the agnostic and skeptical literature is natural for there is no hope for humanity apart from the prophetic faith in a God of righteousness present and active in history. There are many anti-Christian currents in our age, but also many forces of Christian redemption. Theological reconstruction is seeking to restate our faith with many doctrines omitted. There is ground for confidence as to the outcome in "that these truths are *there in the Bible*, and that the world *cannot do without them*." W. O. CARVER.

The Christian Certainty Amid the Modern Perplexity. *Essays, Constructive and Critical, Towards the Solution of Some Current Theological Problems.* By Alfred E. Garvie, M.A. (Oxon.), D.D. (Glas.), Principal of New College, London. New York and London 1910. Hodder and Stoughton. George H. Doran Company. xvi+480 pages. \$1.50 net.

Many are now taking in hand to write expositions and defenses of the Christian faith in the light of the remarkable activity, the excessive claims and skeptical tendencies of modern thinking. Great Britain has felt the repressive