

South as their sphere of influence. To Baptists again this book should sound as their own summons, for who else can oppose Rome without lying open to an awkward *Tu quoque* on the matter of tradition and infant baptism. May it result in many recruits to this most needy of fields.

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The New Horoscope of Missions. By James S. Dennis, D.D., author of "Christian Missions and Social Progress", and "Foreign Missions After a Century". New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1908. Pages 248. Price \$1.00 net.

This volume represents the John H. Converse Lectures before the McCormick Theological Seminary, with an appendix consisting of a reproduction of Dr. Dennis' address before the Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893, on "The Message of Christianity to Other Religions." This course of lectures is the first on a new foundation and is another proof of the deepening interest in the cause of missions in our schools. Two first courses of endowed lectures are reviewed in this department this quarter.

Dr. Dennis is one of the very best known and best appreciated writers on missions, and is looked to as an authority on the subject. In the Converse Lectures he has given us a sort of second series of the *Foreign Missions After a Century*, which was a notable book fifteen years ago and onward. The *New Horoscope* is broader, more definite, rests more on detailed facts, and so marks great progress in the position of missions in the thought of Christians as compared with the outlook of the former book, splendidly optimistic and inspiring as that book was.

The present horoscope is made from four comprehensive observations of the missionary firmament. The first observation discovers "A New World Consciousness," the second looks upon "Strategic Aspects of the Missionary Outlook," the third sees "A New Cloud of Witnesses," the last takes account of "First Annals of the Kingdom."

The lectures are in excellent style, are based on facts and interpret these facts sanely and hopefully. The book will itself help to realize the visions of its seer. W. O. CARVER.

India, Its Life and Thought. By JOHN P. JONES, D.D., South India, author of *India's Problem, Krishna or Christ*, etc. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1908. Pages xvii.+448. Sixteen illustrations. Price \$2.50 net.

Dr. Jones has given himself a permanent place in the appreciation of missionary and other students of India by his volume on "India's Problem, Krishna or Christ," published a few years ago. This new volume greatly increases his service in this interest. He is an experienced student and close observer of the ways, nature and needs of the India people, and has the gift of setting forth with remarkable clearness and ease what he has seen and thought. It is significant that he has not wholly escaped that snare of all writers of India, generalized statement of facts of limited application. What is true of one part of India or of one section of its people may not be true of another part of the land or another section of the people. This the world is coming slowly to learn, and Dr. Jones has helped to teach it. But he falls into the almost inevitable, and certainly excusable, error of treating the Bhagavad Gita as the universal Hindu Bible, which is extensively true, but as Dr. Jones himself clearly implies in other parts of his work, has little influence with many classes of the people, and with some none at all. The Puranas and the Tantras certainly hold a place of primacy with very many. This is a matter of relatively little importance. Many readers will be able to get a clearer and more accurate idea of India from this book than from any other source. "India's Unrest," now attracting so much attention and awakening no little just apprehension, is discussed with insight. There is brief presentation of the many and varied faiths of the land. Then we have a delightful description of a journey into Burma and of the relative freedom of the Buddhist faith in that part of India. Readers will find a remarkably full and lucid exposition of the complicated caste system.