

**The Negro and His Needs.** By Raymond Patterson; with a Foreword by William Howard Taft. New York, 1911. Fleming H. Revell Company. 212 pages. \$1.25, net.

Mr. Patterson has brought to the task of preparing this book a vigorous personality, a journalistic training, a newspaper correspondent's cock-sureness and off-hand wisdom, some extensive study and investigation, and a measure of reflection.

The result is that he has grasped right fully *the complexity of the problem* which he outlines in five chapters. He has gotten at the heart of the economic and political phases of *existing conditions* which he sets forth in four chapters. He has developed some highly suggestive views concerning *the solution* which he states with dogmatic vigor and intense earnestness in five chapters. The chapters were originally published as letters in *The Chicago Tribune* and their author did not overlook that the prime demand on a correspondent is that his letters shall be readable. The revision they have undergone at the hands of Mrs. Patterson has not made them less readable nor removed all that was put in primarily for that purpose. But there is much of wise suggestion and more that is stimulating to thought. The book should have the attention of all who are concerned for the Negro and for our country as affected by the Negro.

W. O. CARVER.

**The Home Mission Task; Its Fundamental Character, Magnitude and Present Urgency.** Edited by Victor I. Masters, Editorial Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and made up of chapters by well known Southern writers. Atlanta, The Home Mission Board, 1912, 331 pages.

Dr. Master's title page description of his book leaves little need for further word. There are fourteen chapters wherein are discussed by our ablest mission thinkers and workers the various philosophical and practical aspects of the "Home Mission Task." The editor has himself written chapters on "A Historical Sketch" and "Home Missions and the Country Church." Secretary Gray presents the organization, scope and aim of the Board. The names of Hatcher, Edmunds, W. M. Vines, H. L. Jones, Gambrell, L. J. Bristow, J. E. White, Gordon, Love, Bru-

ner and Weaver attached to articles dealing with subjects in which most of these men are recognized specialists, are a guarantee of the intense interest and great value of the book. Its primary purpose is to inspire and instruct Southern Baptists, but students of missions in all denominations will find it a rich volume.

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**The Mission of Our Nation.** By James Franklin Love, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Toronto, London. 1912. 240 pages. \$1.00, net.

In five chapters as follows: "Signs of a National Mission;" "The Reason for the Mission;" "The Nature of the Mission;" "Perils to the Mission;" "The Realization of the Mission." Dr. Love has put clearly before his readers a stimulating discussion of America's place in God's missionary plan of the ages. Beginning with the founding of Christianity, he rapidly traces its Spirit-guided course away from the Orient, through Greece and Rome, to the time when it took root among the Anglo-Saxons, and blossomed into the evangelical religion of Protestant America. "Man's happiness consists in finding out which way God is going and then going with Him" is submitted as a thesis, and the book shows that God is moving through evangelical Christianity, through the Anglo-Saxon, through democracy, through the American nation. The mission of our nation is to go with Him by letting Him work through us. Dr. Love has brought to his treatment research, fairness, clear thinking, sane and suggestive interpretation, missionary zeal, high patriotism and a delightful style. It is difficult to lay the book down, having begun it. Having finished it, the evangelical Christian and the patriotic American will undertake his task with quickened pulse, clear eye and resolute purpose. He will be a better foreign missionary, become a better home mission and *vice versa*.. May more Southern men write books on the same plane.

P. W. J.

**The Redemption of the City.** By Charles Hatch Sears, M.A., General Secretary of the New York City Baptist City Mission Society. Introduction by Edward Judson, D.D. Philadelphia, 1911, The Griffith &