

**Spinoza's Short Treatise on God, Man and Human Welfare.** Translated from the Dutch. By Lydia Gillingham Robinson. Chicago. 1909. The Open Court Publishing Co. Pages xi+178. Price \$1.25 net.

The preface of the translator makes clear her motive in producing this work, which, no doubt, is the same that moved the publishers in sending it forth. This brief work from the great philosopher may serve to extend the conception of the "God of Evolution" from which it is thought Spinoza's God is "not far removed". It would rather seem that in this work, produced in Spinoza's earlier philosophizing God was far more personal and ethical than his later pantheistic deity. Be that as it may, we have here a good edition of that work in English and any reader who cares can study for himself the great thinker's earliest philosophical treatise, but in a translation of a translation for Spinoza wrote in Latin.

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**The Religions of Eastern Asia.** By Horace Grant Underwood, D.D., New York. 1910. The Macmillan Co. Pages ix+267. Price \$1.50 net.

This volume is made up of the Charles F. Deems Lectures before the New York University, 1909, and of some appendices to all but one of these lectures.

The lecturer is a well known missionary in Korea. "It is the purpose of these lectures to study the religions and practices of the peoples of China, Japan and Korea in order to ascertain, as far as possible, what conceptions of God they hold. Having accomplished this, it is a further purpose to compare these Eastern ideas, as exemplified in the writings and practices of these peoples, with the Christian doctrine of the Deity". Taoism is taken as the most characteristic Chinese religion, Shintoism for Japan, Shamanism in Korea, while Confucianism and Buddhism are religions of all three countries, but with such marked differences as to make it needful to cut the lectures dealing with these two common religions up into sections on a geographic basis. The closing lecture in-