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Transplanted Truths. Or Expositions of Great Texts in Ephesians. By Alvah S. Hobart, D.D., Prof. of New Testament Interpretation in Crozer Theological Seminary, etc. Philadelphia, The Griffith and Rowland Press, 1914. 25 cents net.

A very clearly written series of brief chapters setting forth the conservative position with respect to the authorship of the Epistle and its teaching. It brings out well the great spiritual the cardinal teachings of the Epistle to the Ephesians. It takes truths emphasized. One notes a tendency to treat slightly, if not sneeringly, the "sociological" applications of Christianity; which, doubtless, are sometimes over-emphasized. It seems to be hard to maintain the upright position as to this much mooted question.

3. ETHICS.

Introduction to the Science of Ethics. By Theodore De Laguna, Professor of Philosophy in Bryn Mawr College. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1914. 414 pp. \$1.50 net.

The book is divided into three parts. The first is "The Field of Ethics"; the second, "The Classical Schools"; the third, "The Evolutionary Theory of Moral Values." Part II is a survey of the principal ethical theories of ancient and modern times, leaving out the most modern, the evolutionary, which is the subject matter of Part III. Parts I and III, therefore, contain Professor De Laguna's contribution to the science.

The author's discussions are clear, interesting and in many respects satisfactory. As to the age-long dispute concerning the

“freedom of the will,” he takes the position now most generally maintained by the evolutionary school of writers. He is a determinist, but discredits mechanical or materialistic determinism. He reaches the conclusion that “at bottom determinism and indeterminism have stood for very much the same thing. The one in opposing the superstition of chance, the other insisting that man is not the helpless sport of external forces—both have pointed to the truth, that man’s character is the essential cause of his acts, and that upon this causal relation his moral responsibility depends.” This is very well; but manifestly this does not solve the problem at all, but only pushes it back a step. How does the character come to be what it is? Now, if we turn to Part III to seek his answer to this question, it would seem to be, that the character is the inevitable result of the processes of evolution; and his acts, therefore, are also the inevitable results of these processes. The author seems to avoid, or at any rate he neglects, to analyze the concept “cause,” though he frequently uses the term. And therein lies the crux of the problem.

He believes that there is no moral instinct, properly so called. Man is evolved from a lower order of life; and hence his moral nature is evolved. The discussion of the evolution of moral standards is interesting and sometimes illuminating, though one could wish that it had omitted some matters of less importance and given more attention to this.

Some of the deepest questions, it seems to me, the author does not squarely tackle; though his thought continually moves round about them. But on the whole he has written a very readable and, in some respects, helpful volume.

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What Ought I To Do? An Inquiry into the Nature and Kinds of Virtue and into the Sanctions, Aims, and Values of the Moral Life. By George Trumbull Ladd, LL. D. New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1915. 311 pp. \$1.50 net.

Dr. Ladd is engaged in summing up and restating, in somewhat popular form, the principles of his philosophy in a series of volumes under the following titles: “What Can I Know?”,