

A Psychological Study of Religion: Its Origin, Function and Future. By James H. Leuba, Professor of Psychology, Bryn Mawr College, U. S. A. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1912. xiv+371 pages. \$2.00 net.

By an inadvertence it was said in a notice of this work in our April issue that Prof. Leuba's classification of types of human behavior as; 1. mechanical, 2. coercitive, including magic, 3. anthropopathic, including religion, was developed by him in the preparation of his Doctor's Thesis. I regret this rather careless error. My characterization of the work, otherwise, while quite summary, represents my estimate of the work, which is one of extensive scholarship and learning but dominated by what seems to me a fatally defective method. In the main I endorse the elaborate and detailed criticism of the work in the *Princeton Review* of April, although it did not seem to me worth while to treat the work quite so seriously. I regret that in my absence this note was omitted in our July issue.

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Christian Science So-Called: An Exposition and an Estimate. By Henry C. Sheldon, Professor in Boston University. New York: Eaton & Mains; Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham, 1913. 102 pages. 50c net.

Rather than "a critical estimate and appraisal of this modern cult" as the publishers designate this little work, it is rather a severe arraignment and a convincing demonstration of the unworthiness of the founder and of her claims. With keen analysis and unsparing criticism the author draws on the evidence supplied by Milmine, Peabody and others, and by the writings of Mrs. Eddy, and the irrational, immoral and absurd elements in her teaching. The work is keen and severe, but truthful and just. The criticism that Christian science involves serious hazard to mental balance is sustained by *apriori* considerations and not by concrete evidence.

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Sun Yat Sen and the Awakening of China. By James Cantlie, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., Dean of the College of Medicine, Hong Kong

(1889-1896), and C. Sheridan Jones. Illustrated. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1912. 252 pages. \$1.25 net.

After twenty-five years of intimate knowledge of this Chinese Patriot, i. e. from his sixteenth year, Mr. Cantlie ought to be able to give a thoroughly reliable account of the man, his character, motives and fitness. He had known Sun as student and friend, had corresponded with him, talked with him, harbored him in the days when he was hunted the world over. With the aid of Mr. Jones to help interpret the new order in China we have here the work that thousands of students of current history in China were wanting. It may be the admiring friendship for Sun has caused too large a share to be attributed to him in the complex of personal and social forces that are making the new China. That seems to the reviewer to be the case. Time and study must reveal this. Meantime we all want to read this work.

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New Thrills in Old China. By Charlotte E. Hawes, Presbyterian Missionary, Wei Hsien, Shantung, China. Illustrated. Hodder & Stoughton, New York; George H. Doran Company, 1913. 272 pages. \$1.25 net.

An autobiographical study of China before the Boxer uprising, an account of that terrible and significant experience, an account of the awakening and a moral and religious interpretation of the new situation in the old country: all this written in the fine style of a buoyant, vivacious spirit that rests deep in the faith of the God of Presbyterian theology and yet is vibrant in sympathy with the living present; such is this work on China. It is a good illustration of motives to missionary consecration, a study of the force of Christianity and a light on the social evolution of China.

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An Outline History of China. Part I, From the Earliest Times to the Manchu Conquest, A.D. 1644. By Herbert H. Gowen, D.D., F.R.G.S.,