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Witnesses to the Word. By the Rev. Charles C. Jarrell, A.B., B.D., Nashville, Tenn. Smith and Lamar, Publishing House M. E. Church, South, 1916. 191 pp. \$1.00 net.

Most readers will agree with Dr. Horace M. Du Bose, Book Editor M. E. Church, South, when he says that this volume, though it comes from the pen of one of the younger men of the Church, is "a distinct contribution to our denominational literature." It is a fresh, vigorous, well-reasoned and readable treatment of that most fundamental element in our religion, the integrity and trustworthiness of the Revelation upon which rest our faith and all things related thereto. It is, moreover, marked by such discrimination and taste in the use of language and by such broad, human sympathies, such clarity and constructiveness of thought and style and such orderly marshalling and movement of the chapters toward the shining goal kept ever in view, as will serve to place it, where it deserves to be, in the class of Southern literature. In moving forward to the accomplishment of its central mission, it should prove, incidentally, an incentive to other young men aspiring to authorship to take the matter seriously and to cultivate the field opening before them most earnestly.

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The Mythical Interpretation of the Gospels. By T. J. Thorburn, D.D., LL.D. Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1916. 356 pp. \$1.50 net.

This able book won the Bross Prize for 1915. It is a critical study in the historic narratives in the light of modern doubt and

research. The author has made a very careful and detailed study of the myth theories of Prof. W. B. Smith of New Orleans, J. M. Robertson of England, and Arthur Drews of Germany. These men have made a skillful attack on the historicity of Jesus and have tried to prove that Jesus never lived, but is merely a mythical god worshipped before the first century A. D. The argument runs through many by-paths in Hebrew, Greek, and Sanskrit etymology and comparative religion. But Dr. Thorburn never loses the trail and with utmost patience lays bare the fancies and foibles of these comical critics. The book is a powerful apologetic and deserves the Bross Prize.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Composition and Date of Acts. By C. C. Torrey. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1916. 72 pp.

Prof. Torrey holds that the Book of Acts comes from Luke and dates not later than 64 A. D. before Paul's death in Rome. He has written this volume for the "Harvard Theological Studies" to show that chapters 1-15 were translated by Luke from an Aramaic document obtained in Palestine while in Cæsarea with Paul which was written about A. D. 50.

He thinks that Luke followed this document almost literally up to 15:35. The rest of the book is the composition of Luke himself, Paul's companion, but is the result of memory rather than the use of a travel document or diary. It is ingenious theory and has elements of plausibility, though far from conclusive. It is interesting to note the early date given the book by Dr. Torrey, following Harnack.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Individuality of St. Paul. By R. H. Strachan. James Clarke & Co., London. 304 pp. 3s. 6d. net.

Dr. Strachan has produced a very able book concerning Paul's theology. He has an independent way of looking at things and a vigorous style and Paul has a tremendous fascination for Dr. Strachan. The result is one of the freshest of the recent books