

V. PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

One Hundred Prayer Meeting Talks and Plans. Introduction by Rev. F. B. Meyer, D. D. New York, George H. Doran Company. 544 pp.

This large volume is intended as an aid to the pastor in the conduct of his mid-week prayer services. The material has been carefully selected and much of it is stimulating and helpful. In the introduction Dr. Meyer dwells on the importance of an active prayer meeting in the life of the church and discusses plans by which this meeting may be made more helpful.

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Religion and Business. By Roger W. Babson. New York, The Macmillan Company. 221 pp. \$2.75.

The claim is made by the publishers that this is "a book about the church that is different." The author is widely known as a statistician and expert in "big business." He confesses that he knows much more about business than he does theology and for the most part wisely refrains from getting beyond his depth in theological matters. He is a frank critic of the churches but at the same time is the unhesitating champion of that for which they stand—religion. He enters a strong plea for more vital religion in business and for more good business in religion. On the one hand he pleads with his fellow business men that they give their spiritual nature more consideration, realizing that life is not all struggle for material gain; and shows how the church offers opportunities for development that right thinking men should appreciate and seize. On the other hand he enters a plea with religionists that they undertake to discover the viewpoint of the business man, coming into a sympathetic understanding of his needs and problems; and discusses plans and ideals by which the church and religion can be made more attractive and worth while to the busy man of affairs.

The writer is convinced that a true denominationalism offers the most efficient agency for the spread of religion, but his position is taken on the ground of expediency rather than conviction. Indeed he minimizes the points of doctrinal difference among the denominations, his one test being that of fruit in practical righteousness. Naturally there are many statements and suggestions with which the thoughtful student of Christianity will disagree, but the reaction of this disagreement will prove stimulating and helpful. We would not recommend the book to immature students but discriminating thinkers will find it exceedingly helpful. No minister who honestly desires to get the business man's viewpoint stated vigorously and sympathetically can afford to miss reading this book.

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Jimmy Quigg—Office Boy. By Harold S. Latham. New York, The Macmillan Company. 196 pp. \$2.00.

Behind this story lies the theme of Americanism and the author succeeds well in his purpose of showing how an American citizen is made from one who had little chance in the beginning. "Jimmy Quigg" starts in as office boy, has some wonderful adventures and advances in just the way that the average American boy imagines he is going to advance when he "gets out in the world," plus the help of some friends who lend a helping hand.

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Friday's Footprints. By Margaret T. Applegarth. The Judson Press. 329 pp. \$1.50.

Young people's leaders looking for missionary stories full of life and color will be delighted with this volume by Miss Applegarth. She has gathered incidents from all the mission fields and woven them together beautifully into a story that will hold the interest and attention of juniors and intermediates to the very last page.

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