

the Scriptures, as well as for the pre-millennial view. Perhaps this fact itself suggests that the millennial conception was not intended to be the determinative one in dealing with the unquestioned fact that Christ will return to earth. We commend most heartily Dr. Dodd's book for its Scripturalness, sanity and self-consistency. It will be found exceedingly helpful to all who desire a brief summary of the main points of the pre-millennial view. E. Y. MULLINS.

Beatific Verities. By Wallace Bassett, D.D. The Western Baptist Publishing Company, Kansas City, Mo. 189 pp. \$1.00 net.

Because the Beatitudes will never lose their charm, all will welcome this fresh presentation of these heaven-given assurances. The volume contains nineteen sermons which breathe the atmosphere of the twentieth century. The themes taken from these great verses are indeed suggestive and exceedingly helpful. The book, too, contains many attractive popular expositions of passages both in the Old Testament and the New. Because of the excellent exegesis, clear thinking, homiletic structure, apt illustrations and appealing applications, these sermons will be read with great profit. The author surely has through experience with our Lord Jesus a firm hold on many universal and eternal verities. H. C. WAYMAN.

The Word of Truth. By A. T. Cornwell. The Truth Publishing Company, Eufaula, Ala., 1917. 160 pp. \$1.00.

Here are twenty-three short chapters dealing with as many vital themes of Biblical teaching. The author gives his own translations of the passages cited in support of his teachings. He thinks there has been much error due to lack of sufficiently "plain words" in the translations of the Gospels. "We erred", he says also, "through lack of a systematic statement in a continuous sense of the elements of God's revealed Will". He attempts to give this continuity of teaching. Most of the points treated in theologies are discussed. But he omits treatment of death, resurrection, the second coming, and future judgment.

There is much in the treatment of the many topics which is suggestive. It is always worth while to study afresh the New Testament teachings regarding the great things of faith. There are many free translations here which are suggestive and helpful and a good many others which do not adequately represent the Biblical meaning. The author's treatment of justification and sanctification will illustrate. He treats justification under the title, "The Gospel of Rightness". He defines as follows: "To justify is to make right, in spirit (motive),

will and character. It is not an assumption but an actual transformation; not an excuse on a legal technicality, but the whole life being permeated and saturated with rightness; every activity becoming right" (p. 87). In this the author clearly misses the point of Paul's doctrine of justification. He does not correctly state the alternative to his own view, and his own view is equally incorrect. In his discussion of sanctification he defines as follows: "Holiness describes the humanly attainable standard of purity in spirit; and sanctification the process of purifying the spirit from the defilement of sin" (p. 117). From these definitions it is not easy to see any material difference in the meaning of the three terms, "holiness", "sanctification", and "justification". The author certainly misses the chief meaning of "justify", which is "to reckon as just", and one of the meanings of "sanctify", which is "devoted to God". He uses the phrase "devoted to God" but defines it as "an approach to the nature of God, which is one of perfect purity", and thus shows that he fails to grasp an important element in sanctification.

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Christ and the Kingdom of God. By Professor S. H. Hooke. Geo. H. Doran Co., New York, 1917. 16 mo. 60 cts.

This little book is meant for Bible classes. It is elementary, but frank and simple. The author stops with the cross, but promises a discussion of the Resurrection, which he apparently accepts, in a subsequent volume. It is not an orderly study of Christ's life and words, but a presentation of the Kingdom phase of it.

End of the Age Themes. By Charles C. Cook, New York, 1917. 116 pp. 25 cts.

The author is the well-known publisher of evangelical and pre-millennial literature. It contains a discussion of the present war from this standpoint and undertakes to outline by prophecy the course of events according to dispensational interpretation. The tone is reverent and spiritual.

Ultimate Ideals. By Mary Taylor Blauvelt. Sherman, French & Co., Boston, 1917. 110 pp. \$1.00 net.

Miss Blauvelt has written a devotional and inspirational exposition of the Beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. She writes with freshness and helpfulness.