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The Three Religious Leaders of Oxford and Their Movements, John Wycliffe, John Wesley, John Henry Newman. By S. Parkes Cadman. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1916. xvii-596 pp. \$2.50 net.

The treatment of these three great Christian characters and their movements in one volume because of their connection with Oxford University brings together contrasts rather than confederates. They had very little in common, and their movements were almost wholly unrelated. But it would probably be admitted by all scholars that these three were the most significant religious leaders that the great University has produced. Wycliffe's movement perished indeed in England so far as it had been a religious force, but the movements of the others abide and continue in their pristine power.

The volume is an important one. It is a marvel that a busy pastor, as the author is, could find time and energy to produce such a work. It is the result of careful investigation, much reading and reflection not only upon the lives of the characters themselves, but also upon their times and their movements. Dr. Cadman is a philosophical historian. Much of the value of the volume is found in his reflections on history and historical forces in general. He has seen the men in their environment, acted upon by the forces of the national life, and in turn powerfully reacting upon that national life. His statements of the historical facts are accurate, lucid and balanced. He has a faculty for seeing and seizing the significant.

The chief defect of the volume is its diffuseness. Its contents could have been presented in briefer form without loss to their value or interest. Doubtless this form is due to the fact that the volume was based upon a series of Lenten lectures where a little more elaborateness is perhaps a virtue. But the volume is a very valuable one, henceforth to be reckoned with in every consideration of the subjects treated. W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

The Apostles' Creed To-day. By Edward S. Brown, D.D., New York, The Macmillan Co., 1917. 129 pp. \$1.00.