

of him who learned to lead every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. It is not a commentary but an exposition that we have here.

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Jesus is Coming to Earth Again. By M. E. Dodd. Southwestern Tract Society, Shreveport, La., 1917. 63 pp. Cloth, 50 cts.; paper, 25 cts.

The able and popular pastor of the First Church at Shreveport gives us in this volume a very clear and concise presentation of the pre-millennial view of the second coming of Christ. Dr. Dodd's discussion makes very large use of Scripture and is marked by a moderation and restraint which we sometimes fail to discover in books on this great theme. He holds, of course, that Christ's return will be literal and personal and not merely spiritual; that the dead in Christ will be raised; that living saints who are worthy will be caught up with the Lord in the air, while unworthy yet real Christians will remain and pass through the great tribulation which is to follow; that Christ will afterward descend to earth, smite and destroy Antichrist, and bind Satan, and then with His saints will reign on earth a thousand years; and that during this period great evangelistic power will prevail among men. The Jews are to be restored. Dr. Dodd does not discuss the question of the judgment of the nations and the final judgment which usually are features of the pre-millennial view.

The writer sympathizes with the leading idea of this book, viz., that Christ's return is to be visible and personal and that the attitude of expectation is wholesome for Christian believers. But he is unable to reach a satisfactory view as to the millennium—at least as that issue turns on the pre- and post- theories. The one passage in Revelation 20 in which the thousand years' reign of Christ is mentioned does not indubitably refer to this earth at all. And if we are to take it literally at all points the saints who reign with Christ are the martyrs only. Dr. Dodd in part meets this last objection by maintaining that only the worthy living Christians are to be caught up with the Lord. But the entire body of the dead in Christ are, according to the view held, raised to reign with him.

The great war which is now shaking the earth has stirred the hearts of men beyond any occurrence since Christ came the first time. It was inevitable that prophecy should engage the attention of Christians once more to an unusual degree. As we understand it, prophecy is an anchor for the tried soul in which the great truth of God's reign, His purpose and plan for the world, are kept alive for faith in times of darkness and trial. And it performs this function better when held in its larger outlines than when interpreted too minutely in details. An excellent case can be made out for the post-millennial view from

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.

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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.

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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),