

with the historical approach to both theological doctrine and social development he is led to give us here rather a discussion of the original forms of theology and brief outlines of their modifications and then brief outlines of how each doctrine in its turn may be made useful to the social gospel, or if it may not be so utilized how it must be cast aside. The work is full of suggestive value but is based on a fundamentally defective conception of the nature and influence of theology—defective because incomplete, fragmentary. W. O. CARVER.

Social Problems and Christian Ideals. Edited by E. A. Wesley and J. R. Darbyshire. Longmans, Green & Co. London and New York, 1917. xiv+115 pp. \$1.00.

"The reports which form the substance of this book were prepared by selected writers at the invitation of a committee appointed by the Diocesan Council of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, to consider 'National and Social Issues'. A few of them are printed in full, from others extracts have been taken, while from a third class materials have been drawn and embodied in fresh form."

There are eleven contributors, of whom Rural Dean Wesley of Liverpool South and Rev. J. R. Darbyshire, Vicar of St. Luke's, Liverpool, are the chief. Though these are Churchmen, Church reform is not touched. They conceive it the part of the national Church to educate public opinion, making clear the great principles which, if given expression in the national life, will be the cure of social ills; the methods they leave to those who possess practical knowledge and organizing ability.

Part I deals with "Social Unity as a National and Christian Ideal", and urges the necessity of employers and employes getting together and the duty of the Church to infuse spiritual aspirations into the new order. Part II faces the "Problems of Social Welfare", and deals with such practical topics as "Troublesome Boys and Girls", "The New Religious Principles in Business", "The Responsibility of a Christian Man for His Investments", "Women's Employment", "Old Age", etc.

Part III gives facts about the "Obstacles Arising Out of National Vices", such as intemperance, impurity, gambling, the craving for excitement, etc.

The book is crowded with facts carefully stated; the discussions are sensible and really helpful. It is a good book to have on hand.

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