

Death and the Life Beyond in the Light of Modern Religious Thought. By Rev. Frederic C. Spurr, Author of "Christ and Caesar," "Jesus Christ To-day: The Exiled God," etc., Minister of First Baptist Church, Melbourne, Australia. Hodder & Stoughton, New York and London (George H. Doran Company), 1914. viii+159 pp. \$1.00 net.

With eloquent words and, for the most part, clear and cogent reasoning the author presents various phases of the modern argument for the continued life of the soul beyond this age. Thus three chapters. Chapter IV discusses the term "eternal" and interprets it qualitatively as against quantitatively. It is a term of description and not of measure. The author takes literally the term "age" and holds that the revelation of the Bible has to do only with "this age" and the next "coming age" and leaves all beyond that untouched. Men begin in the next age with the character in all respects with which they quit this age. Two chapters deal with the conditions of men in the coming life in "heaven" and in "hell." Here the views are quite modern but still evangelical. The rejection of literalism as to "hell" is ably defended but one is unable to approve the method by which the author interprets Scriptures to sustain the claim that science, ethics and Scripture teach that 'the chastisement' of the 'hell' experience will for 'the many' prove effective in their reclamation. It is going very far to hold that the Scriptures do not refute any such notion. Certainly the author is misapplying his passages employed to make out a positive claim to this end in the Bible itself. There is loose thinking and bad exegesis at this point.

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A Pilgrim of the Infinite. By William Valentine Kelley. The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati, 1914. 84 pp. 50c net.

Whoever has sat for an hour under the spell of a chautauqua orator who gave free rein to a leaping imagination in ranging through a great subject and has wished that he might see in cold type the words of the eloquent address that so thrilled him will want this book.