

## II. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

**The Way Everlasting.** By James Denney, D.D. Hodder & Stoughton (Geo. H. Doran Co.), New York and London. 1911. Pages, 320. \$1.50, net.

We have here the first volume of sermons that Dr. Denney has published. He is known as one of the most brilliant of modern theologians of the world. The United Free Church College at Glasgow rejoices in the possession of Dr. Denny for the New Testament Chair. But Dr. Denney is a great preacher. There are those who have said to me that they consider him the ablest living preacher. Certainly these sermons have rare charm of thought and style and a subtle winsomeness that belongs to his personality. In this volume the twenty-five sermons deal mainly with experimental religion, but all in harmony with the title of the book. They are not too technical nor too popular, but rich and "meaty" sermons, full of the Word of God, exegetical in the best sense of that term. I shall never forget a sermon that I heard Dr. Denney preach in the Chapel of Mansfield College, Oxford, when Principal Fairbairn was in command (now, alas, gone on before). It is not often that two such men meet on the same platform. These Scotchmen put us to shame after all, but we can thank God for what they do for us.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**The Religion of Joy.** By Ethel Blackwell Robinson, S.B., M.D. Boston, Sherman, French & Co. 1911. Pages, 122. \$1.00 net.

In spirit this book is most commendable, though marred by some extravagances of opinion and expression. A quotation or two will set it before the reader better than whole pages of comment or criticism. "Religion is life, living. The religion of today must be applied religion and grow with the larger life. As life expands and sweetens, it shines full of deep meanings, of God within all things."

"Why are the churches so empty? and why do men say that people have withdrawn from religious expression? Because the interpretations of religion are generally so gloomy and sombre."

“When we see life and religion as a whole, as God sees it, it is glorious and benign.” “If we find God, we can no longer rest without turning to our fellow-men. We have not found Him, unless we are fired with joyous longing to help them.” “O human soul, live your life, not as a slave scourged to your task, not even as a child constrained to the good, but as a being possessing free will, voluntarily putting your all in line with the all-wise, all-loving Father, in a service of love and faith. Then you will know always a supreme spiritual satisfaction, a deep enthusiasm of solemn joy!”

GEO. B. EAGER.

**Principles of Economics.** By F. W. Taussig. Henry Lee Professor of Economics in Harvard University. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1911. 2 Vols. \$4.00, net.

Perhaps no work on economics issued in recent years is of more commanding importance than this. In at least three respects it seems to the writer that it is unsurpassed.

In the first place, its style is a model for such a work. Its simplicity and clearness are remarkable. It is eminently scholarly and sufficiently technical; there is no ostentatious effort to write down to the level of the average reader. But the sun-like transparency of the style is a joy to the reader who is not entirely at home in the terminology of the science, and carries him without fatigue over many unavoidably dry and difficult parts of the subject. The reader gets the impression that, though it is somewhat laborious for him to master some of the more technical aspects of the science, the author moves through it all without labor.

In the second place, it is a most lucid and comprehensive analysis of the almost infinitely complicated process of modern economic life. Most people have no idea how complex our modern economic organization is; and, in truth, many writers on the subject do not seem to have a clear, distinct and comprehensive grasp of its vast complexity. Not so our author. Rarely indeed does he lose sight of any of its involved and interworking parts or of the remote reactions of any one process upon all others.