

BOOK REVIEWS

I. SOCIOLOGY AND EDUCATION.

The Social Teachings of the Prophets and Jesus. By Charles Foster Kent, Ph.D., Litt.D., Woolsey Professor of Biblical Literature in Yale University. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1917. \$1.50 net.

The book takes us over a way which of recent years has been much traveled. But the presentation is fresh and clear; and it has the additional merit that it presents the development of the social teachings of the Bible as a whole. One sees the whole movement in proper perspective. First, the author sets forth the teaching of the pre-exilic prophets, beginning with Moses; then follows a discussion of the teaching of the exilic and post-exilic prophets; thirdly, the teaching of Jesus is outlined; and lastly, the teaching of the followers of Jesus. We think that this way of setting out the social teaching of the Bible as one developing unity is decidedly good. Disagreement with Professor Kent's critical views may modify, but does not negative this value of his work.

His interpretation of the social meaning of the Bible teaching is generally to be trusted, though in some cases he seems to strain the words. For instance, he seeks justification for war in the words and acts of Jesus, and finds it in the Master's denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites (Matt. 23) and in His driving the money changers from the temple. We are in the present war and manifestly there is nothing for us to do but to fight it out to an honorable peace; but we ought to be able to find a more substantial justification of our course than the fact that Jesus denounced hypocrites and expelled them from the temple, and then offered Himself non-resistingly to be murdered by them. Does our cause need such a flimsy justification?

However, the book, though it has some important defects, is a real contribution to the understanding of the social teaching of the Bible.

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The Foes of Our Own Household. By Theodore Roosevelt. New York: George H. Doran Co., 1917. 347 pp.

Mr. Roosevelt is the most loved and the most hated man in the present generation of Americans. His views on all subjects—and he has them on all subjects—are very well known; for he has been utter-