

IV. RELIGION AND APOLOGETICS.

Seven Doubts of a Biologist. By Stewart McDowall, B.D., Chaplain and Assistant Master at Winchester College. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. 64 pp. 40 cts net.

This little book is in a great measure a simplification of some of the more essential thoughts that are set out at length in two larger ones, "Evolution and the Need of Atonement" and "Evolution and Spiritual Life", together with a third that is in slow process of being written on "Evolution and the Doctrine of the Trinity".

They tell "the way the problems of Christianity presented themselves to a student of evolution". The seven doubts were God, sin, atonement, the goodness of God, prayer, Heaven and the Holy Trinity, and a brief, succinct chapter is given to each of these fundamental themes. The treatment is clear, frank, fresh, interesting and decidedly helpful. It is a remarkable little book. Its very brevity giving one the heart of the matter in such simplicity and conciseness, makes it doubly welcome. It approaches without fully reaching New Testament teaching on the atonement.

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The Christ: The Evidence of His Divinity Reviewed from the Standpoint of a Lawyer. By Thomas J. Jerome, Attorney at Law, Greensboro, N. C. Nashville, Tenn., 1917, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South. 241 pp. \$1.25 net.

It is well for theologians and preachers to have an opportunity to see an example of the performance of what is usually accounted their task by a layman. Thus may they learn in what terms and along what lines the layman thinks. The work before us would be open to much criticism from the standpoint of the "modern" theologian. But this author is of just the type of more intelligent hearers to whom the preachers must address their arguments and appeals. It behooves them therefore to study it most sympathetically and not with a view to discerning its lack of theological modernity. If the form of the apologetic here is somewhat ancient the matter is pertinent and is so handled as to make a vigorous argument for the miracles, the incarnation, the deity of Jesus. With keen analysis the author discusses the testimony concerning the work, the teaching, the trial and the crucifixion of the Lord, and shows how it is logically impossible to draw any conclusions other than those which support His claims as the Son of God atoning for our sins.

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