

**The Churches of the New Testament.** By Geo. W. McDaniel, D. D. Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. 303 pp. \$1.75 net.

Dr. McDaniel is one of the most successful and scholarly of the younger generation of Southern Baptist pastors, having for many years served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. His former book, "The People Called Baptists," met with such instant favor that insistent demand was made for the publication of this second volume, the main body of which has grown out of sermons and addresses delivered at intervals throughout the past decade. Dr. McDaniel takes up each of the outstanding churches of the New Testament, traces its history, describes its constituency, its difficulties, its excellencies, its weaknesses, its career, so far as light is shed upon it from Scripture or later history, and then draws from the record lessons for the churches of today. The book makes a unique contribution to the study of ecclesiology, and at the same time is a most excellent manual of pastoral theology and church efficiency. The author's vivid, oratorical style serves to make the book delightfully readable. It is full of happy suggestion for sermons and addresses.

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**The Church and the Immigrant.** By Georgia E. Harkness. George H. Doran Company, New York. 110 pp. \$1.00 net.

What shall we do with and for the multitudes of immigrants in our midst? The author insists that it is time for us to cease so much discussion of the immigrant as a "problem" and go to work for him as a brother who needs our help. The immigrant question is one that will not be solved by mere discussion; but what may the churches do? Nowhere has there appeared a saner or more practical outline of possibilities of service on the part of the church as an organization, or of individual Christians, than is to be found in this brief volume. The plans suggested are concrete and workable, and are intended, as Dr. Tupper says in his introduction, to help the beginner, to en-

courage ordinary church folk to "invade the realm of the foreign born with a growing certainty that the information given will open the doors to practical service." G. S. DOBBINS.

**The Withered Fig Tree.** By Edwin McNell Poteat. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. 73 pp. \$1.00 net.

Dr. Poteat is well known among laymen as one of the most forceful and attractive speakers on the platform of men's conventions. In this series of addresses on stewardship the writer goes deep into the matter of property ownership and possession, and of righteous stewardship in the accumulation and administration of one's money. The book is especially timely in view of the emphasis that is being placed on stewardship at this time, and of the special campaigns that are being conducted to enlist men in systematic and proportionate giving.

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#### IX. COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND MISSIONS.

**The Origin of Paul's Religion: The James Sprunt Lectures Delivered at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.** By J. Gresham Machen, D. D., Assistant Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Princeton Theological Seminary, New York. The Macmillan Company, 1921. 329 pp. \$3.00.

There is a vast deal of difference between a scholarship which proceeds upon firm faith in a God with a definite program and with a profound conviction that the success of the divine program depends upon the apprehension by His followers of "the truth as it is in Jesus," the Christ, and, on the other hand, a scholarship that insists on abandoning all dependence on eternal reality and exact truth and feels free to form hypotheses and present them tentatively with no great concern whether they are complete and should be final or not.

There is a great bulk of modern scholarship which treats the whole field of Biblical literature and of Christian history as a