

discussions. There is the usual attack on the church; a given amount of sarcasm concerning creeds; a large degree of praise for the doubter and skeptic, but with all there is a sweet spirit and a sincere desire to do Christian service in these days of criticism and adjustment. The author is thoroughly acquainted with Biblical Criticism and in hearty sympathy with the right sort. His illustrations and quotations drawn from wide sources are apt and telling. One doubts the wisdom of so much recognition to so many question marks regarding religion, but appreciates the arousing from the spiritual lethargy we are all subject to. It is a virile, understandable treatment of the reality and necessity of Jesus Christ. While written primarily for "thoughtful laymen", one believes that its message is needed much more by preachers. No preacher can read this book and continue to be a "cake unturned".

F. M. POWELL.

**The War and After.** By Sir Oliver Lodge, F. R. S. George H. Doran Company, New York, 1918. 247 pp. \$1.50 net.

When we consider that this book was first published in 1915, at a time when events were going hard for the Allies, it is significant that it is dedicated to President Wilson. "Since then", says Sir Oliver, in the preface to the American edition, "things have mended mightily". "But", he adds, "our feelings, whether for friend or foe, have not appreciably changed and there is practically nothing in the book that need be altered." He proceeds to say further that while there's nothing to be changed, "There is something loud to be added, something the world is shouting, something of vivid historic significance—the union of the New and Old Worlds, a handclasp of friendliness across the seas, a beginning of the Federation of the English-speaking race." "The consequences of such an action are not to be estimated by any one generation; they stretch beyond our purview and will benefit our descendants a millennium hence." The great scientist has entered here, the reader will perceive, upon the role of prophet and statesman. Having caught a vision of the great new crusade upon which the allied nations of the earth have gone forth, he takes stock of the past and present and then scans with marvelous prevision the future as to the outcome of the war as it affects Germany and the rest of the world. In dealing with the past he naturally takes a retrospect of the false philosophy with which Germany was obsessed, and with which, to no small degree, she had inoculated and poisoned other nations, and of the resulting conflict of ideas and ideals. Then, turning to the future, he unfolds in a marvelous panorama his vision of coming events and his conception of what may and should be learned from this dire,

dreadful, all-involving world-anguish. He shows himself to be singularly well equipped for his double role and thrills us with his vision of the new earth that is to be.

GEO. B. EAGER.

**The Development of the United States.** By Max Ferraud. Houghton-Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, 1918. 340 pp. \$1.50 net.

The learned Yale professor of history here traces the development, which just now is compelling a re-study at home and abroad of our great republic, "from Colonies to a World Power". The volume is significantly dedicated "To the Allies, in the hope of a better understanding". The ultimate product is more than a history, it is a thrilling story; more than a compilation or rehash of what others have written, it is a new interpretation of American history. It comes as a timely effort to unseal the prejudiced eyes of the present generation and give them a truer understanding of what is evolved and involved in the history of the development of this greatest republic in the world and to the evidence of its justification in entering upon the role of a world power. Here is abundant proof that the peoples, who from a few thousand colonists along the Atlantic coast in the 17th century, have expanded into a population of over a hundred millions, now occupying the whole central portion of North America, claiming many outlying possessions, have developed distinctive traits and institutions which have become known throughout the world as American, have come to constitute, if not one nation, at least a great federal commonwealth, recognized as a true unity and interger, "The United States of America", and are today conceded to have a primacy both of influence in world counsels and superiority in resources—all this is presented here in a form to be at once convincing and compelling.

GEO. B. EAGER.

**A salute to the Valiant.** By William V. Kelley. The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati, 1919. 101 pp. 75 cts. net.

Not a war book, as the title might lead us to expect. Bishop Stunty in a glowing Foreword says of the author and his aim: "He hastens to concede that the really heroic in life are not always those in whose praise the huzzas of the multitude are heard, or on whose uniforms the medals for gallantry in action are hung, amid the crash of bands and before the eyes of admiring thousands." And he adduces convincing proof of this and presses the point to a climax, in a most remarkable and sympathetic salute "to the obscure and suffering saints who conquer though they die. Their superiority in all that ultimately matters calls for the Salute. To deny it would be a breach