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The book closes with a review of Dr. James T. Bixby's book, *The Open Secret*, in which the materialistic conceptions of science are found wanting and a philosophical dualism defended. With the latter view Dr. Carus does not find himself in accord.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF SOCIAL EVOLUTION. F. STUART CHAPIN, A.M., Ph.D. The Century Co. Pp. xxii, 306.

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RELIGION IN SOCIAL ACTION. GRAHAM TAYLOR. Dodd, Mead, and Co. Pp. xxxviii, 279. \$1.25.

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