

of peace in school and church and press and home. He holds that our national enemies and dangers are not external but internal, foes in our cities and bosoms. It is a book that will necessarily help the cause of peace. In particular preachers would obtain much helpful information and suggestion suitable for their pulpit ministrations. It ought to be widely circulated.

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**Sub Corona.** Sermons Preached in the University Chapel of King's College, Aberdeen. By Principals and Professors of Theological Faculties in Scotland. Edited by Henry Cowan, D.D., D.Th., D.C.L., Professor of Church History in the University of Aberdeen, and James Hastings, D.D, Editor of "The Expository Times," etc. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1915. 297 pp.

Here are twenty sermons of exceptional value. All of them are thoughtful; many of them are deeply spiritual, and they are written in excellent style. They are interesting also from another point of view. In the preface we are told: "Each preacher has spoken for himself and is responsible for his own doctrine only; still, when the sermons in this volume are taken together, some trustworthy knowledge will be obtained of the teaching which prevails at the present time in the Theological Colleges of Scotland." That being so, it is evident that a robust type of moderate or conservative liberalism prevails in Scotland.

Among the preachers are a number whose names are quite well known already in the circle of the readers of this Review—*e. g.*, George Adam Smith, Janus Denney, David S. Cairns, Hugh Ross Macintosh, James Stalker, etc. These names, and others of men in the same rank, are a guarantee that this volume of sermons is worthy of a place in any minister's library.

C. S. GARDNER.

**The Meaning of Personal Life.** By Newman Smyth. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons. 358 pp. \$2.00 net.

There is given us in this volume one of the strongest discussions of the philosophy of personality. The author is a convinced and enthusiastic believer in the reality of free moral personality.

He sees in personality the real meaning of, the key to, the cosmic process. From the humblest beginnings he traces the upward movement of life till it arrives at personality, and this he follows in its development, in its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and on into its consummation in immortality.

Dr. Smyth is acquainted with the best scientific and philosophical literature bearing upon the different phases of his great theme; and makes a critical and discriminating use of it. The conclusion he reaches is, from the point of view of this reviewer, satisfactory for the most part. The world-view to which he thinks the facts lead is what he calls "personal realism." Human personality is real; nature is real; God is real. "Individual personality is both real and ideal, or, more truly it might be said, both realizing and idealizing. It is both created and creative. It inherits its world as already existing for it, and recreates it after its own ideas. It is both effect and cause; both the issue of the past and a maker of the future. It has come forth from the whole of reality that was before it; it continues to be as an individual variable in the midst of the constants of nature."

The book is good, healthful, stimulating reading in these days when what were once considered the very foundations are being attacked from various directions. While here and there exception might be taken to some of his assumptions, or to some of his processes of reasoning, or to some of his criticisms of different views, the book on the whole makes a happy impression. The author, fairly facing the serious issues raised by modern science and working in a truly scientific spirit, is a man of broad intellectual outlook who finds in the scientific work of our time confirmation of the fundamentals of religious faith.

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**Quiet Talks with the Family.** By Charles Edward Jefferson, Pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church in New York. New York, 1916. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 187 pp. \$1.00 net.

A subject more urgently important could not present itself in our day and one would not ask a more competent man than Dr. Jefferson to present it. "The Family in Modern Life," is