

ful. In the course of the preparation of the work, which extended over several years, the author changed his theological view-point somewhat. In the earlier part his feeling for the New England theology was much more favorable than in the latter part, but he loses none of his comprehension or fairness by the change.

The study is truly a genetic one. The author seeks to trace all theological teachings and changes to their sources. Beginning with a brief review of the first century of theology in the colonies the author comes to Jonathan Edwards, the founder of a more or less independent American theology. After a full exposition of his views, he traces their progress and changes through successive generations of theologians and thinkers down to men now living. Beside the main stream of Congregational theology he treats the Unitarian and Universalist movements in a most illuminating way. His critique of Horace Bushnell is a brilliant piece of work. Likewise is that of Prof. Park.

Any one who wishes to understand the course of theological development in America will find this book an indispensable part of his apparatus. Moreover, pastors would find it equal to a good course in theology, if well read and digested.

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**KIRCHEN UND SEKTEN DER GEGENWART.** Unter Mitarbeit verschiedener evangelischer Theologen herausgeben.

Von Pfarrer Ernst Kalb. 2. erweiterte und verbesserte Auflage. Verlag d. Buchhandlung d. Evan. Gesellschaft, Stuttgart. 1907. S. 654. Price, 6 M.

This work grew out of some lectures on the most important sects of the present time, delivered by various theologians at Stuttgart, in 1903. They were enlarged for publication by adding a treatment of the various national churches, together with the Greek and Roman Catholic churches. The sale has been so large that this second edition was demanded within two years. Former

defects have been eliminated and the work has been considerably enlarged.

The editor states the purpose of the work as "not purely scientific; it is not intended to present new investigation to the theological world. The purpose of the book is rather a practical one". The object is to give intelligent laymen reliable information concerning the various churches and sects of the present day in as brief space and attractive form as possible. The latest investigations have been used in reaching all conclusions.

The work is an excellent one for its purpose and beyond doubt many preachers will find it valuable. Nowhere else within equal compass can so much that is interesting and important about the modern Christian denominations be found. The facts to be related are wisely chosen and admirably told. There is usually a brief history of the body, then an account of the present status as to organization, worship, doctrine, life, missions, etc. There are some minor blunders, but the reviewer has found the book generally accurate as far as he could test it. It treats the Greek and Roman Catholic churches with their various divisions and sects; then the Protestantism of the continent of Europe; the Protestantism of England and America, with a final section on Religious Societies without any specifically Christian character." including spiritism, Christian science, Dowieism and the Mormons.

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### THE TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY.

By Lt.-Col. W. H. Turton, D.S.O., Royal Engineers. Published in London and also by The Young Churchman Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

This timely volume of 529 pages, has passed through five editions and its popularity seems to be on the increase. It consists of an "examination of the more important arguments for and against believing" in Chris-