

Paradoxical Pain. By Robert Maxwell Harbin, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.S., Author of *Health and Happiness*, etc. Boston, 1916, Sherman, French and Company, xiv-|-212 pp. \$1.25 net.

This volume is packed with wisdom founded on wide information. The author, a physician, is a scientist in the physical sphere who has not lost his bearings nor forgotten that the physical is but sphere and atmosphere for the ethical and spiritual. He apprehends that evolution in the physical realm does not at all imply similar evolution in the psychic sphere; and experience shows that this similar evolution is not to be found. The age of great advance in knowledge of things has not added to the wisdom of interpreting things in relation to life. "Knowledge has stuffed us, while we have been starved for wisdom."

It is very important that we learn the true nature and way of happiness. Part of this learning consists in the right interpretation of pain. There are two sorts, pain that promotes good ends and pain which hinders and destroys. The latter alone is evil. The work proceeds, through thirty-three short chapters to discuss various sorts of pain and their uses. The work is one to be studied and the study of which will illuminate the mind, steady the heart troubled over so much of pain in life and summon the soul to seek the highest and noblest ends by means of all the experiences that belong to one's growing life and the growing life of the race. Truly it is a good book.

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Men and World Service. Addresses delivered at the National Missionary Congress, Washington, D. C., April 26-30, 1916. *A Survey of Achievement; A Council of War; A Summons to Advance.* Laymen's Missionary Movement, New York, 1916. v-|-350 pp.

If one wants to know, and to feel, the power of the current awakening of lay interest in the Kingdom of our Lord he will get it best from this volume. If one wants to know the actual facts about the significance of the Laymen's Movement let him read and ponder this volume. If one wants some of the greatest Missionary addresses he will find them here. One finds still here