

The Breath in the Winds and Other Sermons. By Frederick F. Shannon. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 173 pp. \$1.00.

Dr. Shannon is a preacher to preachers, with marked, outstanding gifts. He is eloquent and forceful, which makes this book of sermons inspiring and fascinating. The sermons are rich in illustration and the appeal is exceedingly strong. There are ten sermons in this volume on the following subjects: "The Breath in the Winds"; "The Priority of the Spiritual"; "Christ's Mission"; "The Genius of Joy"; "A Whole Creed"; "The Ultimate Riches"; "The Heavenly Human"; "Life's Last Thirty Minutes"; "Moods of Life"; "Christian Memorials".

H. C. WAYMAN.

Righteousness in the Gospels. By Edwin A. Abbott. The Oxford University Press, London. 13 pp. One shilling.

Dr. Abbott holds that in Matt. 6:1, Jesus by "righteousness" meant "alms". Why not rather take it that by "doing righteousness" Jesus included alms, prayer and fasting, which he mentions, as well as like acts? He is condemning the Pharisaic professional piety of display. Alms is only one item in the list.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Evangelism of Jesus. Six Studies in the Evangelism of Our Lord. By Ernest Clyde Wareing. Intended primarily for Institute and Class Work.

This is a devout, thoughtful and suggestive study of the six persons mentioned as converted immediately by our Lord. The six examples of Jesus' manner of evangelism are: 1. Nathaniel; 2. Nicodemus; 3. The Woman of Samaria; 4. Blind Bartimaeus; 5. The Thief on the Cross; 6. Saul of Tarsus.

It would seem that the author makes a mistake in trying to force each of these six cases into a very distinctive mould, under different types, manner of approach and kind of evangelism. The first he calls "Differential Evangelism"; the second "Essential Evangelism"; the third "Initial Evangelism"; the fourth "Collective Evangelism"; the fifth "Evangelism of the Cross"; the sixth "Elemental Evangelism". He defines "Differential Evangelism" as "introducing into the spiritual life a new dynamic". But is not this the case in regard to every true conversion? So, in his third case there is no distinction between its "Initial Evangelism", as he terms it, and that of the fifth case.

He is no less fortunate in trying to make a distinction between each of the six cases in the "manner of approach" of Jesus. For instance, in the case of Paul, he speaks of "The Concealed Approach". This was perhaps the least concealed of all the approaches of Christ.

When a man is knocked down and a light shines around him "brighter than the sun at mid-day", it cannot be properly called a very successful concealment!

The book exalts Christ as a personal Saviour, and will prove stimulating to every soul-winner.

P. T. HALE.

The Easter Hope or The Life Immortal. By Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, D.D. The Judson Press. 105 pp.

This little volume contains six chapters: I. The Resurrection of Christ; II. The Resurrection in Nature; III. Immortality and the Resurrection; IV. The Resurrection of the Body; V. The Bearing of Evolution on the Resurrection Hope; VI. A Threefold Resurrection. Any one of these chapters will offer to preachers suggestions for Easter messages, in fact, suggestions for a message on any Lord's day. For the laity the book contains cheer regarding the mysterious hereafter, especially those who have been perturbed by the present world crisis it contains comfort. The words of Jesus and the apostles about the resurrection are well arranged and beautifully explained. The discussion in the last chapter, emphasizing a threefold resurrection—body, mental and moral likeness is especially suggestive.

H. C. WAYMAN.

The Twentieth Century Crusade. By Lyman Abbott. Macmillan Company. 100 pp. 60 cts.

Besides the Introduction—The Three Crosses—this little volume contains nine beautiful letters. This book from the pen of Dr. Abbott will be read with much interest and satisfaction by those sharing in the great sacrifice in this world's Golgotha. There is a message for the soldiers of every faith or of no faith. But especially is there a word of encouragement for the fathers and mothers who have caught the spirit of the All-Father and have give a son or a daughter that the world might be made a safe place for the others who remain to live.

H. C. WAYMAN.

The Best Man I Know. By William DeWitt Hydes. Macmillan Company. 95 pp. 60 cts.

The author has indeed given here a concrete and unconventional portrayal of the "glowing, flesh and blood person we call Christian". His Best Man has the best qualities of many men, which qualities are the superlative Christian qualities. First, the book glances at the many qualities, forty-five here enumerated, which include every phase of a Christian man's life, one is moved to say. Fifteen of these are classified as his "Mystical Roots", such as "His Father"; "His Christ";