

life and writings of the Apostles, Paul, James, Peter and John. The whole is based on careful exegesis and interpretations, and is very stimulating and uplifting.

The remaining parts are on the various forms, methods and places of prayer in the Christian Church and on "the Place of Prayer in the Christianity of To-day." The author is optimistic about the prayer-life of the Christian world. He believes there are signs of revival and he sees forces operating towards a fuller and happier use of this source of Christian power. The family altar and the old fashioned prayer-meeting may require adaptation to fit them to the life of to-day, but he thinks they are coming back in more suitable forms. It is interesting to hear him express the conviction that even material science and the new psychology are contributing to a revival of the spirit and practice of prayer.

There are many striking and quotable phrases and sentences, as, e. g. : "The social life of the church has developed to such an extent that the supper room has been substituted for the 'upper room'." (p. 275); "To the end of time the church suppliant will be the church militant and the church militant will be the church triumphant." (p. 270.)

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The Book of Answered Prayer. By John T. Faris, D.D., Author of "The Book of God's Providence," "The Life of Dr. J. R. Miller," etc., with an Introductory Chapter by a Veteran Pastor. Hodder & Stoughton, New York; George H. Doran Company. 294 pp. \$1.00 net.

Here we have a brief "Foreword" with a few sound lines on prayer and an explanation of this volume. Four pages by "A Veteran Pastor" on "Prayer as a Solvent of Difficulties" being a condensed message on the nature and working of prayer as wise and helpful as brief. Then the body of the work: seventy narratives of answered prayer gleaned from a very wide range of sources, which in each case are indicated. Not all the prayers were answered in the terms of the petition. The book would be worse than useless were it so. The collection is made on the basis

of a true idea of praying. The seventy accounts are grouped under ten topical headings and so readily to be used for the needed help.

W. O. CARVER.

The Golden Censer. Florence L. Barclay, Author of "The Rosary." George H. Doran Company, New York, 1914. 61 pp. 50c net.

This is a discussion of intercessory prayer for the heathen and for the salvation of personal friends, with the view to showing that such prayer is useless and ill-advised when it contemplates the blessing and saving of men by direct Divine intervention. The author assumes that such prayer involves the conversion of the heathen without the Gospel or other means and the conversion of sinners against their will. One thinks that few Christians pray in any such way. The author also overlooks the secondary means and influences which God employs and which the prayer contemplates. Strangely enough she seems to allow God to work on Christians without their will. The purpose of the book is good but its points are not all well stated and will lead to confusion in many readers.

W. O. CARVER.

The Problems of Boyhood: A Course in Ethics for Boys of High-School Age. By Franklin Winslow Johnson, Principal of the University High School. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1914. xxv+130 pp. 50c.

This volume belongs to the "Ethical Group" of "Constructive Studies" in "The University of Chicago Publications in Religious Education." It is a very fine work for its purpose. The range of topics is satisfactory and their frank, clear, straightforward handling is manly, clean and suited to instruct and inspire the boy. One could wish that the religious motive had been played upon more freely. It seems to be avoided where it would normally be expected, especially in a series on "Religious Education." Boys do not want to be "preached at" but they will feel wronged if their deepest motive is ignored as