

deep-rooted of all curses—war.” But, he argues, through twenty-seven burning chapters, it cannot do this thing unless it dare to believe its own gospel, and to demand that the nations base their relationships upon the same Christian principles upon which the relationships of all Christian gentlemen are based. He acknowledges, however, that he writes less to convince those of the old order, than he does to reassure those prophetic souls who are still ardent and full of faith that this is the great day of the Church—if it but go forth with its risen Lord in a great venture, far beyond the reach and power of those who are bound by habit of thought and tradition. “To them belongs yesterday and today in Europe—tomorrow belongs to us.”

GEO. B. EAGER.

**Girlhood and Character.** By Mary E. Moxcey; Introduction by George A. Coe. The Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati, 1916. 400 pp. \$1.50 net.

There is one fault to be found with this volume. It is too bulky. That is not a fault for such as are seeking completeness and thoroughness. It will militate against its wide use, which is a pity. The work is at once scientific and human. It deals with the adolescent girl problems in three stages, “early,” “middle,” and “later” adolescence. It is designed not for the girls themselves but for their teachers, parents and other guides. All phases of girl problems are discussed in a thoroughly modern way. Religious problems are touched with a sort of hesitancy and left with an incompleteness that disappoints. The young girl can not be understood without serious study and this book will help in such study. No one can read it without getting a new conception of girlhood.

W. O. CARVER.

**The Boy Scouts' Year Book.** D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50 net.

This second Boy Scout Annual, edited by W. P. McGuire and F. K. Mathews, is dedicated to “the 8,000,000 boys of Scout age in America.” It is full of short stories and articles by a dozen

or more writers dear to boys—Peary, Grenfell, Chapman, Beard and others. The whole world is full of interest to boys of the Scout age; and also the heavens above and the waters under the earth; and pretty nearly everything is in this book. It is fascinating to all boys, or for that matter, to everybody who has a boy in the family. There are greetings from Governors of twenty-four States, and messages “from older Scouts to younger Scouts, on Camping.”

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**A Fire in the Snow.** By Charles Edward Jefferson, Pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, New York City. New York, 1916. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 48 pp. 50 cts. net.

This is a most delightful and forceful parable of Christmas with many points in application, all done in the attractive and effective manner of Dr. Jefferson. One is sorry it could not have come to us in time for announcement as a very desirable Christmas book. But its value is in no sense dependent on the Christmas season and one need not wait until next Christmas to get it. Get it at once.

**The Noisy Seven.** By Alice Pickford Brockway. Author of “Step by Step” and “A Trip to the Orient.” The Griffith and Rowland Press, Philadelphia, 1916. 211 pp. \$1.00 net.

This is a wholesome, well-written story of a Sunday School class of seven boys and of their outcome after agony and effort by the good man who taught them. It has in it romance as well as religion, and is natural and manly. It is not of the over-sentimental, insipid type. It will encourage the worker, inspire the youth and contribute to the spiritual valuations. It will interest young people and all who love them.

**Pocket Lesson Commentary for 1917.** The Gist of the International Sunday School Lessons for Busy Bible Students. By E. W. Thonton. Cincinnati, The Standard Printing Company.

Pocket commentaries are popular. Here is one, announced to be a permanent annual publication. It gives the “Golden