

Whatever may be one's opinion in regard to the subject in general or to the author's special views in particular, there can be no doubt as to Dr. Stanton's enthusiasm for his theme and the extent and value of the material, scientific, historical and Scriptural, he has gathered into one volume and treated in both an analytic and a graphic manner.

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**The Ministry of the Unseen; A Personal Experience of, and Testimony to, Love from Beyond the Veil.** By L. V. H. Witley, with Appreciations by Rev. Samuel G. Neil, Rev. George A. Harvey, Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., Ven. Archdeacon Wilberforce, D.D., Rev. R. J. Campbell, M.A. Fleming H. Revell Company. New York, 1914. 124 pp. 75 cents net.

This work had notice in our pages from the pen of Dr. W. T. Whitley, upon the appearance of the first edition in England two years ago. It has now been published in the United States. Its character is indicated by its title page and it comes to us with a formidable array of "appreciation." Nothing is of more interest to the human spirit than questions of the life beyond, especially in the concrete form of the experiences and powers of those whom one has most loved and rejoiced in in the fellowship of this life.

Mr. Witley, a business man, of thoroughly approved piety and trustworthiness, lost his wife. After months of dark bereavement he thinks their conscious relationship was reestablished and has been maintained. He recounts many of the circumstances and messages that have blessed this fellowship with the wife departed but still present. He thinks the same experiences are open to any devout, faithful soul with the loved ones within the veil, and that, too, directly without any mediation. He gives brief, simple instructions for realizing this communion of spirits.

There can be no question that the author is wholly sincere, nor that the experiences have been utilized in harmony with a sincere Christian attitude toward God. At the same time one cannot overlook the possibility that his explanation of his experiences is mistaken, nor the far more serious fact that such

experiences and the effort to realize them are full of danger to normal, healthy, faith in God and faithful service of Him through Jesus Christ. The ground on which one treads here is both uncertain and dangerous. The author well says that people will assume four attitudes toward such experiences: positive unbelief, agnosticism, yearning, positive belief expressing itself in practice.

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**The Unconscious.** By Morton Prince, M.D., LL.D. New York. The Macmillan Company, 1914. 548 pp. \$2.00 net.

More and more men of science are concentrating their mental energies on the study of the fundamentals of human personality both normal and abnormal.

Telepathy and physiological psychology may be considered the scientific extremes of individualistic anthropology. Yet many of the seeming antagonisms of the two positions may be reconciled in whole or in part by a careful study of the unconscious but integral area of personality.

Dr. Prince makes a valuable contribution to memory as a process by which past experience is either consciously or unconsciously registered, conserved and reproduced. He shows conclusively that conscious memory is only a particular type of memory and not by any means the only kind. Psychic registration and conservation are two important factors in providing the mental storehouse with material for future use. Consciously or subconsciously this accumulation of personal experience may largely determine our prejudices, superstitions, beliefs, points of view and attitude of mind.

Personal opinions and even ethical convictions are greatly affected by the myriad influences that have touched the life and vanished from the field of definite consciousness. Ideas once at the focus of consciousness disappear from mental vision and though often capable of reproduction they are meanwhile dormant and inoperative.

The author divides the subconscious into two classes; the unconscious or neural dispositions and processes embracing