

“can’t” of the skeptic. The charm of the book is greatly enhanced by the “personal confession” element which runs throughout. The author is an Episcopalian. We would never know it if he didn’t tell it. In fact, his beliefs and expressions are such that one wishes to forgive him for that grave fault. He is a modern, not in the highbrow and agnostic sense, but in the sense in which he describes one: “A Christian modernist is one who is a thankful heir of all the Christian ages, but feels that he should not be the slave of any of them.” One does not have to agree with a great writer to be helped by him. This book is thoroughly helpful in that it forms a delightful and healthful middle ground between the dogmatic reactionary and the dogmatic radical. The author belongs to the “higher critic” class, but of that class whose criticism is higher. He is sympathetic throughout and this book will doubtless prove a blessing to many who are outside the church. There is a consecrated common sense which graces every page. The book should be read with a given amount of caution, for some statements, perfectly natural for the author, will require restatement. There are thirteen short, meaty chapters in the book, but Chapters II, III, IV, VI and VII, under the headings “Modernism,” “Polity,” “Doctrine,” “What is God Like” and “Modern Biblical Criticism,” respectively, are worthy of special study. The chapter on “What is God Like” is worth several times the price of the book. The reading of such a book, regardless of what one thinks, will make one think. Unlike many writers who believe practically with the author, this book will clear rather than create doubts. This book should grace many libraries. It is stimulative, and to most types of minds, wholesome. One knows of no book in which constructive “destruction” is so delightfully manifest.

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Evangelistic Sermons. By J. Wilbur Chapman. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. 219 pp. \$1.50.

This book is welcomed by the many admirers of Dr. Chapman. It contains his best revival addresses. The volume con-

tains eighteen of his most inspiring addresses. One can almost hear the great Chapman's persuasive voice from the printed page. These sermons are truly valuable to all lovers of the Lord.

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V. NEW TESTAMENT.

Some New Source Material on the Book of Acts. The Macmillan Company.

In the *American Journal of Philology* for 1896, Dr. F. C. Conybeare drew attention to an Armenian catena which seemed to point to the existence of an early Syriac text of the Acts different from the Peshitto. Many extracts from this article were also used by Dr. Rendel Harris in his "Four Lectures on the Western Text," and he and Dr. Conybeare between them showed that the Syriac text underlying the catena probably belonged to the same textual type as the Curetonian and Sinaitic manuscripts of the Gospels. Dr. Conybeare always believed that there existed in Armenian the full text of Ephrem's commentary which was used in the catena, and while he was at the Harvard Divinity School in 1919 he was able to trace a manuscript of this commentary in the catalogue of the Library of the Mechitarists at Vienna. The Armenian text has now been published by the Mechitarist Father Akinian as the first part of the second volume of the critical edition of the *Literature and Translations of the ancient Armenians*. It proves to be a very pure form of the Western text of Acts, cognate to the margin of the Harclean Syriac, but there are unfortunately considerable lacunae in it.

It was obviously desirable that this very important document should be rendered accessible to scholars who are ignorant of Armenian. Dr. Conybeare has therefore translated the commentary and added to it all the relevant passages from the Ar-