

VII. HOMILETICS.

The Christian Preacher. By Alfred Ernest Garvie, M. A. (Oxon.), D. D. (Glas.), Principal of New College, London. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1921. 490 pp.

This new volume in the International Theological Library series is worthy of its companions. It is unique among the works on Homiletics in the matter of arrangement. It begins with an introductory chapter on the importance, the definition and the general characteristics of Christian preaching. Then follows the history of preaching, which occupies upwards of three hundred pages. The last 132 pages are devoted to the setting forth of the principles of Homiletics proper.

Every portion of the book shows ripe scholarship, seasoned judgment, good taste. The history is admirably arranged; and, though brief, brings out with proper emphasis the important facts and gives one a clear conception of the whole development. Nothing really new can now be said in setting forth the rules of rhetoric in their application to sermon-making. But in the brief space devoted to this, everything is said that is contained in the more detailed discussions of more elaborate treatises, and in this day of expansion of theological courses, condensation is greatly to be desired, especially when nothing of real importance is omitted or obscured.

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Assurance of Salvation and Other Evangelistic Addresses. By J. W. Porter, D. D. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, 1921. 141 pp. Price \$1.25.

Dr. Porter is widely known in Kentucky both as a preacher and as editor. He is probably best known as a controversialist. Much of his active Christian life has been spent in refuting those whom he considered enemies of the truth. Dr. Porter was a lawyer before he was a preacher and has retained much of the