

Old Truths and New Facts. Christian Life and Thinking as Modified by the War. The Cole Lectures for 1918. By Charles E. Jefferson, D.D. New York, Revell Company, 1918. 223 pp.

No question in the realm of religion is more mooted at the present time than the probable effect of the war upon traditional religious thought and life. All assertions on the subject must in some measure be in the nature of speculation and prophecy. The man who knows must be a seer—a see-er into the future. Dr. Jefferson is one of the most thoughtful and effective men in the American pulpit, blessed with insight and vision and spiritual eloquence. In these lectures he has given us a forecast of some of the most important effects of the war upon religion which seem to this reviewer very probable.

In his usual attractive style and with his moral and spiritual earnestness he declares his belief that out of the holocaust will come a new appreciation of the power and glory of Christ, the heavenly Christ who rules and reigns among the nations; a new conception and appreciation of vicarious suffering; a new definition and conception of prayer which will be more in accord with the teachings of the Bible and the data of experience. This last is one of the most interesting and important of the six lectures. In the other three he treats of "The Attitude to the Church", "The Use of the Bible" and "The Estimate of the World Mission of Christianity". Concerning all these vital matters, the author is optimistic. He believes the total effect of the war upon religion will be good. This is a good book to read at this time.

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Patriotism and Radicalism. Addresses and Letters. By Mercer Green Johnston. Boston, Sherman, French & Co., 1917. 218 pp. \$1.25.

The title of the book very well covers its contents. The author would doubtless be classed with the political and economic radicals, his sympathies are distinctly with the toilers; but he is not a maudlin pacifist or a whining socialist, but a red-blooded American. He would retain his patriotism, his loyalty to the nation, and at the same time his devotion to the cause of the working man. The addresses and letters, delivered and written on a variety of themes and occasions, are always vigorous, always poetic, always hot with enthusiasm. They make lively reading, but are sane and sympathetic with the aspirations of the great mass of the social workers of America.

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