

powers and moral nature and spiritual condition. He then sets forth "The Devil's Dominion Over the Human Race", attributing to the devil and his demons much of the psychic phenomena so occupying the attention of our time.

The last third of the book deals with "The Restoration of Man in Jesus Christ". The author avails himself of Protestant—to use his own term, "Non-Catholic"—experiences and thought as well as those of his own church for testimony to the power of Jesus Christ to give pardon and peace to sinners. Quite needlessly does he encumber his argument with the mystical conceptions of the effectiveness of the sacraments in securing this restoration. While the work is hampered by the author's feeling that he must defend forms of statement and by his habit of thinking in dogmatic terminology he has given us a thoughtful and useful work. It is as good as can be done from the standpoint of defending an archaic creed with arguments founded in modern experience and thought.

That the result is satisfactory would be too much to assert. That the argument is sincere and able any candid reader must see.

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God's Message Through Modern Doubt. By Rev. E. Aldom French. London. 1908. Duckworth & Co. Pages ix+236. 2 shillings 6 pence.

There are many in England who are undertaking to defend or to modify Christianity in the face of a powerful and rather rampant skepticism. This author is one of the most frank, brave and practical this reviewer has met in his reading. He tells us in the preface that the idea expressed in his title "is that as skepticism is due to a misunderstanding of Christianity, its existence is a call to the church for restatement, explanation and new emphasis in its message". This explanation of skepticism is incomplete, but the threefold method of meeting it is comprehensive. To restate, to explain, to emphasize, not the dogma, but the message of Christianity; surely that has the accent of a conquering evangel. And our apologist in this

case is an evangelist. That is the true method. His book is a volume of sermons. He meets men's difficulties but he never fails to appeal to their conscience and to make moral demands on the will. His subjects are striking. Witness such as these: "The Recklessness of Providence", "The Irony of God", "Why Miracles do Not Happen Now", "The World as the Skeptic Would Make it", "The Virtue of Intolerance", "Can We Expect Christ's Second Coming To-day". The discourses are brief, well analyzed, direct, frank and deal with the problems of real men. They must have been effective in delivery and will do great good in their reading.

W. O. CARVER.

Modern Belief in Immortality. By Newman Smyth. New York. 1910. Charles Scribner's Sons. Pages 95. Price 75 cents net.

In his lucid and flowing sentences Dr. Smyth has in this lecture summed up the situation for the hope of immortality in the light of current scientific thought. He has gone beyond this and made an argument for the future of the soul. The central feature of his argument is in personality and its survival value. He shows that there is nothing in physical science that can properly oppose this belief, and much to encourage it. He very properly sets little value in the professed communication from disembodied spirits. He works for rather more than its value the evolutionary argument and seems all too shy of recognizing the value of revelation for this hope of the soul.

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The Winning of Immortality. By Frederick Palmer, Author of "Studies in Theologic Definition", "The Drama of the Apocalypse", etc. New York. 1910. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. Pages xvii+216. Price \$1.00 net.

Here we have a confident and optimistic study in immortality by a reverent Christian student who deals freely with all elements of the argument, whether from science, philosophy or the Scripture. For him none of these are more than materials for helping toward a final conclusion. In using the Bible he is