

1:1 may express quality as the author suggests but does it not also with wonderful accuracy, declare against absolute identity between δ λόγος and $\theta\epsilon\acute{o}\varsigma$ and so, on the one hand, guard against Sabellianism and on the other harmonize with orthodox Trinitarianism?

One might crave greater warmth of expression—but we remember that these expositions are addressed to the college circle.

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V. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Christian Nurture. By Horace Bushnell. Scribners'. 351 pp. New Edition. \$1.50 net.

This is a very interesting volume. It sets forth in an elaborate way the famous Bushnell doctrine of child religion or Christian nurture, namely, that the child is to grow up a Christian and never know himself as otherwise. It combats the "contrary position, namely, that children are to grow up in sin, to be converted when they come to the age of maturity."

This doctrine of Horace Bushnell was revived some years ago in two discourses, bound as a single volume. These two were later expanded into four, and now to these four have been added thirteen others, in this new edition.

Part I discusses the DOCTRINE as stated above. This is argued (1) upon "human evidence,"—as "the organic connection between parent and child makes it natural to expect that the faith of the one will be propagated in the other" and "the child's submission to parental authority involves the dawn within him of new life," etc.; and (2) on "infant baptism," the "apostolic authority" for which is argued upon such statements as—"the organic unity of the family constitutes a rational ground for the rite of infant baptism"; "the rite of circumcision held a place in the Jewish religion parallel to that of infant baptism"; "what is said in the New Testament of household baptism is proof that infants were baptized," and "children of believers are addressed with them by Paul as believers, and thus included in the religion

of their parents." The latter part of PART I is a discussion of the "Church Membership of Children" with arguments akin to those advanced to establish infant baptism. But more shocking still, because doubtless less familiar in character, is the conclusion that the "doctrine of individualism," or the conversion of individuals as individuals, is "trivial, unnatural, weak, violent and overdone; it dissolves families into nomads; makes the church a mere gathering in of adult atoms; revivals of religion take an exaggerated character," etc.

PART II deals with THE MODE. It discusses the beginning of nurture" in the ante-natal period, "parental qualifications," family government, family prayers and the physical nurture of children through plays, pastimes, right and wrong feeding.

To those who have been watching the growth in certain quarters of the "culture theory" of conversion, this book will prove interesting reading as it is doubtless more than any other treatise the source of that prolific error. It is in direct opposition to the conversion of the individual through the power of the Holy Spirit and sets the family up as the unit, endowing parents with the powers of grace sufficient to bring their children to conversion. It has no note of the "competence of the soul before God." It would prove a dangerous book in the hands of an untaught or unwarned parent or Sunday school teacher.

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Sunday Story Hour. By Laura Ella Cragin. George H. Doran Company. 240 pp., Illustrated. Cloth, \$1.00 net.

True to the title, the forty stories in this volume are especially appropriate for reading or telling on Sundays, since they illustrate in a charming way certain fundamentals of Bible truth as "Our Heavenly Father's Care," "The Sabbath," "Helpfulness," "Kindness," "Obedience," etc.

The stories are short, well written, bright and crisp and drawn chiefly from actual home life and from the Bible. Many of them were used to illustrate the Graded Lessons for Beginners,