

**The Way to Life.** By Henry Churchill King, D.D., L.H.D., LL.D., President of Oberlin College. New York, The Macmillan Co., 1918. 129 pp. 60 cts net.

This is "a revised and enlarged reprint of those portions of the author's 'Ethics of Jesus', dealing with the Sermon on the Mount, with a special discussion of war and the teaching of Jesus".

Dr. King's work on the "Ethics of Jesus" is a very valuable contribution to the interpretation of the mind of Christ. The discussion of the Sermon on the Mount is the most valuable part of it, and we are glad to see a revised and enlarged reprint of this section of the book. The reviewer wonders if the use of some passages of this section by the extreme pacifists was the reason which led to this reprint and the addition of the significant chapter on "War and the Teaching of Jesus". In this chapter, Dr. King has given us the strongest argument which I have seen in harmonizing war under certain conditions with the teaching of Jesus. However, at places, the argument seems strained and, in some places, almost sophistical. On the whole, it is nevertheless very strong, and it is the most straightforward facing of the problem which has fallen under my eye.

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**The Profits of Religion.** By Upton Sinclair. Published by the author, Pasadena, California, 1910. Paper, 315 pp., 50 cts.

Some men are so built or have so constituted themselves as to see only in sections and to speak only in hyperbole. They love sensation more than sense and are never happy save when on a rampage. Upton Sinclair is such a man. He revels in iconoclasm. He never sees any subject whole, nor any situation entire.

In this volume he says many things well which others have said better concerning the defects of Christian men and organizations. He makes many suggestions which Christian leaders will do well to take to heart in their work for human redemption and righteousness.

Along with the rest, the work abounds in misleading half-truths and glaring untruths from which a little balance of judgment and some understanding of the deeper forces of history would have saved him.

It is a brilliant and reckless indictment of the organized churches, in one respect of their attitude, by an extreme Socialist whose socialism is not above reproach.

W. O. CARVER.