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The Book of Courage. By Jno. T. Faris. J. B. Lippincott Co. 1920. 220 pp. \$1.50.

This is a dynamic little book arousing one to self-examination and action. Regardless of what one thinks of the book, he is sure to think if he reads it. The book does not have the weak or neurasthenics in mind as needing medicine, but views the need for courage in every day life and in every phase of life as calling for strong, wholesome mental food, adapted to the average man. The book undertakes to explain what courage is and to show that it is by little steps that we reach the stage of true success. The book abounds in illustrations out of everyday life to prove the positions taken by the author. It is extremely practical and while profound in its essence, is put so simply that it is of value to the average readers. It will serve as a tonic, helpful and strong, to the present day generation.

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The Furnace for Gold. By Emma S. Allen. American Tract Society, New York. 230 pp. \$1.40 net.

Emma Allen has never written a greater story than the one told in the pages of this volume. It is such a delightful experience to find a story which takes you through part of the great war and still maintains the Christian ideal throughout. So much of the stuff written during and since the war sanctions the violation of every principle worthy of reverence that one welcomes the ideal demanded by our fair author in "The Furnace for Gold." The story grips you from the first sentence

and holds to the end. It is a story which should be read by every young man and woman. One will have little trouble in finding Lawrence Redfield every day; a great many also like Violet in her earlier married life. But the sanity and depth of character in Miriam Westover make all struggles seem worth while and give new strength to carry out the costliest resolves. It is a worthy book, delightfully written.

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A Service of Love in War Time. American Friends' Relief Work in Europe, 1917-1919. By Rufus M. Jones, author of "The Inner Life," "The World Within," etc. Illustrated. The Macmillan Company, 1920. 284 pp. \$2.50 net.

The author modestly disclaims attempting a history of the work of relief and reconstruction which Friends have done in the countries of Europe since the fateful autumn of 1914. His avowed endeavor is to interpret the effort which American Friends have made to express their spirit of human love to a part of the world caught in the awful tangle of the tragedy. The work of English Friends made their work possible and their work together has inaugurated, he believes a new era of relationship between English and American Friends which is prophetic of good for the future. The author makes good his claim that the book is something more than the story of an impressive piece of relief work. It is the interpretation of a way of life. The relief work took the form it did because it was the expression of a definite religious faith and sprang out of an inner spirit and attitude to life. The Friends did not take the difficult position they did because they were abstractionists or lacking in patriotism, but because they were pledged to a way of life which if extended throughout the world would eliminate the seeds of war and bring higher forces into operation in human society. For them to have surrendered their ideals in this crisis would