

However, there are various sections in it wherein the assault on agnostic and rationalistic positions is powerful and effective. The style of the work is excellent and its earnestness contagious.

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The Sword of the Lord. By A. C. Hill, Author of "Shall We Do Without Jesus?", etc. Hodder and Stoughton, New York, George H. Doran Company, 1914. x+295 pp. \$1.25 net.

I had occasion to commend highly Mr. Hill's searching inquiry to our age about getting on with Jesus. It was an opportune book and has great value. The success of that work seems to have emboldened the author to put forth this larger volume. Recognizing the danger that our modern Christian civilization may "be submerged by the waves of a new barbarism," he seeks to define the qualities of Christian character and especially of Christian courage demanded by the age and realizable in the Christian man. "These essays in practical ethics" are set forth as "the fruit of leisured hours," and they call for "leisured hours" for their reading. There are upwards of thirty of them, each one a unit within itself, but with a rather distinct connection with the rest. There is great wealth of literary, legendary, historical and other reference for illustration; evident striving after rhetorical effect. If the reader is at leisure and patient he will read here rather luxuriously; but if he is eager and hurried, as most of us are, the reader will be apt to grow impatient and seek other reading. In no case is one likely to feel that Mr. Hill has helped his standing by this work.

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Eniges Leben. von Reinhold Seeberg, Leipzig, 1915. A. Deichertsche Verlagshechhandl'g, Werner Scholl. vii+107 ss. M. 2.25. Geb. 2.75.

Professor Seeberg has taken advantage of the new vital interests awakened in Germany by the war to bring to the mind of Germans the thought of the hereafter. He discusses in brief but comprehensive manner eternal life from the standpoints of philosophy, the Bible and religion. If he is more cautious than we

might wish, in the effort to be quite safe scientifically, he but shares a fault all too common with theological writers in our day when they touch the question of the future. And Seeberg has spoken a sympathetic and encouraging word in a dark hour, a word to which may very many give heed. Poor Germany has exalted herself to heaven and is being cast down to hell; but out of the wreckage of civilization men may humble themselves and turn to the life that is life indeed. The publishers have published the book in attractive form and it will bring comfort to many in bereavement. May it also turn to sane thinking many who lead the thinking and planning of Germany, as well as in other lands.

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Die Christliche Warheitsgervissheit; ihr letzter Grund und ihre Entstehung. Von Dr. L. Ihmels, ord. Professor der Theologie in Leipzig. Dritte enweiterte und verbesserte Auflage. Leipzig, 1914. A. Deichert'sche Verlagshechhd'l'g. Werner Scholl. 382 ss. M. 7.50, Geb. M. 9.

Professor Ihmels is well known as one of the foremost exponents of the truth of evangelical theology and religion in Germany. This defense of Christian truth as thoroughly founded in objective reality and approved by the rational tests of knowledge is now presented in its third edition, extended and made more definitely to meet the contentions of the "religious geschichtliche" school, so powerful in Germany in recent years.

Revelation in general as a source of truth is discussed in relation to other sources and the scriptures as the record of that revelation. The author seeks to bring the discussion away from mere abstractions and to apply the tests of practical reality, but this interpreted in a large spiritual way and not merely in the range of a narrow and light pragmatism.

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Christianity and the Jew. An Appeal to the Church of Christ to Preach the Gospel to the Jew. By Delaware W. Scott. Cincinnati, The Standard Publishing Company, 1914. 100 pp. 75 cts.