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The Gift of Tongues. By Rev. Alexander Mackie. Geo. H. Doran Company, New York, 1921. 275 pp. \$2.00.

This "study in certain pathological aspects of Christianity" bristles with interest throughout. The fraud and indecencies which have been "pulled off" in the name of religion are justly dealt with by the author. Starting with the scriptural passages which deal with the "gift of tongues," the author gives its quotations from the early "Fathers"; then he reviews the "Ursuline Nuns and Devils of London," the Camisards, the Shakers, the Irvingites, the Mormons, etc. While the author is more happy in his historical than in his exegetical or psychological treatments, yet the entire book is replete with interest and information. The charge of immorality, especially of sexual irregularities, is established beyond a doubt against every one of these sects. Practically every "accredited miracle" in any of these tongues' sects has been historically discredited. Dr. Mackie has done a painstaking piece of historical research into a field that lends itself stingily to research. No one can read this book without the conviction that the so-called "gift of tongues" does not exist today, nor has it existed since the first century. No student of history should do without this book. It is interesting as well as valuable.

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The Bible and the Spade. By John P. Peters. Charles Scribner's Sons. 239 pp. \$1.75.

Dr. Peters, himself an archaeologist, has given us a very valuable summary of the results of archaeological research in Bible lands. He tells the story briefly and in a non-technical way. The author passes over many instances where light has been shed on patriarchal conditions and the Exodus period but makes up for this in his excellent treatment of the period of the kingdom and discussion of the Psalms. The chapter on the New Testament is worth the price of the book. I would heartily recommend it for High Schools and Colleges. H. C. WAYMAN.