

work in Japan and that his Japanese friends will be reading his work there is a remarkable frankness and freedom from all effort to make his words inoffensive to Buddhist readers. Fortunately such Japanese as will read so serious a book are for the most part men and women of such culture as will appreciate this direct and open dealing with their faith.

In the West there are not a few who have consciously or unconsciously fallen under Buddhistic influences. Such a treatment as this will be most profitable for their study.

Then enlightened Christians in our countries will more and more want to know the religions we are to supplement and supplant in our missionary work. To all a serious and competent study of the greatest of all competing faiths should be most welcome.

One is especially pleased with the conservative treatment of Amida Buddhism concerning which, under the leadership of the able Dr. Richards, there have been extravagant ideas in recent years.

All the great fundamental doctrines are treated with dignity, frankness and satisfactory fullness.

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Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics. Edited by James Hastings, with the assistance of John H. Selbie, M.A., D.D., and Louis H. Gray, M.A., Ph.D. Vol. IX—Mundas—Phrygians. New York: Charles Scribners' Sons; Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1917. xx-|-911 pp. \$7.00 a volume.

If the war delays somewhat it still does not stop the publication of this very important work. The present volume brings discussion of such topics as **Music**, elaborately presented in 56 pp.; **Mysteries**, 13 pp., but with parts of the topic treated under other headings; **Mysticism**, 34 pp., with Greek and Mohammedan Mysticism treated elsewhere; **Names**, with twenty-two subdivisions, nine of which are treated elsewhere; and still we have 47 pp. in this article; **Nature**, calling for 54 pp. to treat seventeen sub-topics, with two treated under other headings; **Negrillos and Negritos, Negroes and West Africa, Negroes (United States)**, 28 pp.; **Neo-Platonism**, 12 pp.; **Nestorianism**, 11 pp., where, however, the history of this sect is scantily outlined after the first period; **Nonconformity**, 12 pp., treated historically; **Oath**, 9 pp.; **Occultism**, rather briefly presented in 3½ pp., but with fine discrimination; **Old Age**, elaborately done under a dozen racial and geographical divisions, 22 pp.; **Ordeal** in fourteen divisions, 27 pp.; **Ordination**, treated historically and from the various religious standpoints, and still decidedly lacking in completeness; **Original Sin**, treated historically as a doctrine, and in a very "modern" way as to the present status of the doctrine; **Pantheism**, 11 pp. by three very competent

authors; **Papacy**; **Parsis**, in a comprehensive and balanced summary; **Paul**, mainly a conservative article of 14 pp. by Meunzies and Edie in collaboration; **Penance**, with 10 pp., has rather more space than would relatively fall to it; **Perception**, just now a very important topic, treated by Dr. Iverbach in 6 pp.; **Persecution**, with 25 pp., outlining the history of various religious persecutions; **Personalism**, too briefly done, 2 pp., and with much of the most important literature neglected; **Personality**, 7 pp., setting forth the various theories; **Personification**, quite fully treated, 22 pp., under five heads and with two others, American and Indian, treated elsewhere; **Pessimism and Optimism**, 11 pp.; **Phallism**, 15 pp.; **Philosophy**, 43 pp., treated mainly under racial headings; **Phrygians**, 11 pp., by Sir W. M. Ramsay. Three important biographical articles deal with **Newman**, **Nietzsche** and **Pascal**.

On the whole, one finds several important articles treated rather too briefly. The general type and method of the series are maintained. It is good to see this great and important work coming on to completion. All serious students in its fields require this above all else.

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Standard Missionary Picture Roll for Instruction of Leaders in Classes in Mission Study in Churches and Sunday Schools. Edited by Sue Reynolds Staley. Cincinnati, The Standard Publishing Company. \$3.00.

There are twelve of these pictures 27x36 inches in size. The idea is a very fine one and is fairly well executed, although the art of the pictures is not of a high order. They make most impressive the facts and their appeal so far as can be put into the pictures. They deal with both home and foreign missions and with both the needs and the results.

This roll will prove very useful indeed in teaching the facts and in making appeals for support.

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The Confessions of a Browning Lover. By John Walker Powell. New York and Cincinnati, The Abingdon Press. 248 pp. \$1.00 net.

Professions rather than Confessions I would name this volume and Browning is not the chief end of the eight most engaging essays. What one finds here is in reality a modern apologetic for the high ideas and ideals, beliefs and hopes of our life. Browning appears in each essay as an example of a doubter who found in Christianity the sure ground of hopes, and as a great artist who is philosopher and theologian as well. Browning is, to be sure, just that sort of artist, and it is the highest sort. He is the poet of profoundest insight into the Ground