

V. WAR LITERATURE AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Is Preparedness for War Unchristian? By Len G. Broughton, D.D.
Hodder & Stoughton, New York. 219 pp. \$1.00.

In this timely book, the author's discussion turns repeatedly to this question, "Can this war be turned to make the world wiser and better?" Inasmuch as God has ever turned the wrath of men to praise His name, the author thinks this war will be no exception. The good that is to be derived by the world from this war will come first by elimination. That is, in this war Dr. Broughton sees the collapse of a rationalistic revelation. The fruit of destructive criticism is anarchy and ruin. Likewise this means a collapse of ethical salvation and of a purely militant philosophy. The world is turning back to Him who said, "Ye must be born again." The lessons to be learned by France, Russia and Britain will bring blessings to the world, and even America has learned a lesson, *i. e.*, the sacredness of American citizenship. If learning this lesson makes war inevitable, we will stand together and defend our people, with our institutions at home or our commerce abroad. To do this it is urged that we put our minds to preparedness, "not for war, but to prevent war."

From the Bible and from plain common sense the author shows that preparedness for war is not unchristian and is in keeping with the highest principles of American statesmanship. The author's discussion of the question, "Can the church end the war?" is sane and timely. The church, by sending companies of joy-riders abroad along with Mr. Ford cannot, but by the way of prayer, the church may have a place in determining the issues of the day. Every Christian will enjoy the author's wonderful discussion of the Biblical teaching of prayer. Unlike Theodore Roosevelt's book which portrays a feeble, thoughtless, spineless ministry, Dr. Broughton sees a service that the ministry can render, yea, is rendering. This he discusses as the ministry of substance, the ministry of service, and the ministry of spirit. The book closes with a tribute to Charles Sumner and those like him.

One could wish that more of our preachers would turn their thoughts toward present day problems and the church's relation thereto.

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Humanity at the Cross-Roads. By John H. Randall, D.D. Dodge Publishing Company, New York. 359 pp. \$1.50.

This book is given largely to an effort to interpret the tragic conflict of the nations. The author after discussing the religion of Jesus Christ as containing elements and principles with a vitality to grow and tracing a false interpretation of this through the various creeds, then passionately urges men to be docile and be honest in the acceptance of the truth. Then with great ability he explains a spiritual conception of life and urges that the absence of this conception in man's thinking and living breeds war and strife.

In the closing chapters the author presents his real philosophy for which he seems much indebted to Eucken and like him there is a marked failure to distinguish between Christian religion and established religion. That philosophy of religion which the author so beautifully and powerfully presents, has been and is today the belief and practice of a faithful few since the days of John the Baptist.

While we agree with the author in his earnest plea for righteousness, we feel that his criticism of the preaching of the Atonement might be mis-interpreted by many.

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Towards an Enduring Peace: A Symposium of Peace Proposals and Programs, 1914-1916. Compiled by Randolph S. Bourne, with an Introduction by Franklin H. Gidding. New York: American Association for International Conciliation.

Accompanying this volume is the following note to the literary editor: "This book is not being published in the ordinary sense of the term. It is intended primarily for libraries and for the shelves of men and women seriously interested in interna-