

Religious Experience—Its Evidential Value. By George Preston Mains. New York and Cincinnati, 1917; The Abingdon Press. 272 pp. \$1.25 net.

Dr. Mains thinks vigorously and writes clearly. He is very much of a modern man in his knowledge, sympathies and activities, and at the same time a man whose faith and vision lay hold on the eternal factors of life, without which any age is either barren and desolate, or else superficial and pathetic in its activity and conceit.

Our author is a pragmatist in the sense of using that ancient method of testing contact with reality which, with its new name and much praise, parades modern philosophic fields—on their outskirts. And he uses the method most effectively in this work.

The student who has read widely and thought somewhat in the field of modern critical and apologetic religious literature will find in Dr. Mains a delightful and heartening reviewer of the ideas of many writers of the day.

The account of the Christian Experience, in Part I, is comprehensive in outline and closes with a fine chapter on "Conversion," wherein is a racy analysis of many typical examples from Old Testament and New Testament and from Christian history.

The Evidential Values of—and for—this experience are sought in Christian character and in the expression of that character in the varied relations of life in Christian service. On the basis of all this, three chapters show the truth of Christianity on the pragmatic test.

It is a delightful and helpful book.

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The Elements of Pain and Conflict in Human Life, Considered from a Christian Point of View. Cambridge, University Press, 1916; New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons. vii-|-206 pp. 4s. 6d. (\$1.25) net.

In the "Summer Meetings" at Cambridge University, provision is made for theological lectures. Last summer the committee, naturally and wisely, provided a course "to deal directly with