

ing with His resurrection as the crowning event and a fitting climax to the volume. These are not always easy reading, as the style is somewhat labored, but they are always helpful. The quotations from history, literature and verse are apt and instructive. The Bible quotations are from the authorized version. One could wish that the term "saint" were not applied by a modern writer to Peter, Paul, John, etc. The plan is not apologetic, but it is the best of all apologies in that it sets forth truth, tested and tried in personal experience in a world of sin and sorrow. This little volume is a real contribution to the Christian literature of today. Its value does not consist in bringing new truth, but in the fact that a layman presents the old, fundamental truths with such ability, vigor and conviction. F. M. POWELL.

Gathered Fragments. By Henry Melville King, Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I. Baptist World Pub. Co., Louisville, Ky., 1917. 189 pp. \$1.00 net.

This volume, so admirably written, should find a welcome place in the library of every Christian. The title, "Fragments", is true only in the sense that many incidents out of a rich experience are gathered into a single volume. There is a unity throughout, marked by lucidity of style, scholarship of a high type, and a humility of spirit which comes with a long and firm acquaintance with God.

No less conspicuous is the author's acquaintance with men in every walk of life, and the book, throughout, is replete with a broad sympathy and a rare tact in dealing with men. The many illustrations, so readable because so real, furnish sensible solutions to a large number of the pastor's problems. There is hardly a phase of the minister's life that is not treated with insight and wisdom in the thirty-seven brief, meaty chapters. A rare treasure indeed for the young minister entering the pastorate, and a valuable handbook on "Pastoral Theology" during his life. But if the volume should be read by preachers only it would perform a half task, for every page abounds in helpful, wholesome reading for any Christian of average intelligence.

F. M. POWELL.

Positive Protestantism. By A. Augustus Hobson, Ph.D. The Griffith and Rowland Press, Philadelphia, 1917. 313 pp. \$1.25 net.

The author, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waltham, Mass., tells us that this book grew out of a series of sermons on "Protestant Affirmations". He sought in vain for a book covering the entire field of the origin, principles and prospects of Protestantism, and so de-

cided to write one covering the field and showing Protestantism as it is today. The purpose that guided him was to meet the need of the ordinary reader rather than of experts, but he has put into an appendix much valuable evidential material to which more thoughtful readers may resort in making further investigations. Dr. Hobson is convinced and makes reasonably clear that, while the name Protestant is a monument to an act of yesterday, the Protestantism of today taken in its broadest sense is alive with positive elements of power for the present and of promise for the future. He shows in a convincing way the growing unity and co-operation of Protestant denominations in practical works for the Kingdom of God. He points out that, in this gravest crisis of modern times, when values have been undergoing the sternest trial in the crucible of this world war, the harmony of Protestantism with the drift of modern life and institutions has been maintained, and he sees good reason to hope that with the survival of civic and religious freedom, democracy and science, Protestantism in its best sense and values will remain and continue to develop.

GEO. B. EAGER.

The Manual of Inter-Church Work. Introduction by Mr. Fred B. Smith; edited by Rev. Roy B. Guild. Published by the Commission on Inter-Church Federations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. New York, 1917. xv--221 pp. \$1.00.

The Progress of Church Federation. By Charles S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. New York, 1917, Fleming H. Revell Company. 191 pp. \$1.00 net.

Here are two volumes that every modern minister and active layman ought to get. From them one gets authoritative accounts of the history, the aims, the methods and the plans of the Federal Council. By study of these books the ideas of church federation are brought down out of the hazy cloud realm in which for very many they still float and take on concrete, intelligent form. One can find out just what the Federation is. That might interfere somewhat with the freedom of speech of some critics and of some advocates of the Federation, but it would conduce to saneness and practical speech on the part of both critic and enthusiast.

Dr. MacFarland has put into handy form the history of the inception and growth of this movement into an organization and then an account of its activities. He thus makes available the gist of the mat-