

leaves one wishing the author had realized that he was dealing with matters too significant for superficial half-truths even when dressed up in the garments of learning. It is a very readable book.

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III. PRACTICAL RELIGION.

The Life of Clara Barton. By Percy H. Epler. New York: The Macmillan Co. 433 pp.

The subject of this biography was one of the great heroines of the race; and this story of her life is worthy of its subject. Miss Barton may fairly be regarded as a pioneer in the blessed work of mercy to which her life was devoted. Florence Nightingale had preceded her, and doubtless she had known of the work of her great English predecessor; but it was under the prompting of her own benevolent and heroic heart that she pressed her services upon a strangely reluctant government, and blazed the way in America for the recognition and organization of this form of humanitarian effort. Right well did she earn the title by which she was so affectionately and reverently known—"The Angel of the Battle Field." After the Civil War she went to Europe for rest and recuperation, and just in time to be called into service on the battle fields of the Franco-Prussian war. While there she learned for the first time of the incipient organization of the Red Cross movement, and heard with amazement that the American government had been invited and had declined to become a party to that agreement whereby the wounded and their nurses should be protected in war. It was through her efforts largely that our government signed the treaty and that the movement was organized in America.

The story, so full of touching and thrilling incident—is told in large part in Miss Barton's own words, and one does not cease to be surprised at the clearness, simplicity and beauty of her narratives. She had the command of a singularly charming literary style.

Southern people, doubtless, will not be pleased with her representation of the situation at the Andersonville prison, and her comments upon it. And like all the Northern people of her generation, she fails to take into consideration the fact that the suffering there was largely due to the blockade instituted by the United States government. It was, however, quite natural that the Northern people should view the matter as they did.

All in all, it is one of the most interesting and inspiring biographies ever written.

C. S. GARDNER.

Christian Service and the Modern World. By Charles S. Macfarland. Fleming H. Revell Co., 1915. 75c net.

Dr. Macfarland has published a number of volumes dealing with the social aspects of Christianity; and what he publishes is always worthy of attention; but this reviewer is inclined to regard this as his best work. The volume consists of a series of lectures delivered before several theological institutions; and they must have made a deep impression upon those who heard them. None of them is inferior; but it seems to me that two or three of them are of first-rate importance. I should mention especially those on "The Church and Modern Industry," "The Consolidation of Conscience," and "The New Internationalism." The latter has exceptional power. I have not seen so impressive a discussion of this theme. It is truly mighty. What a blessing it would be, if it could be read and pondered by everybody in this country in this present time of solemn crisis!

C. S. GARDNER.

Infant Baptism—Historically Considered. W. J. McGlothlin, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nashville, 1916, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention. 175 pp. 50c.

Into this little volume Professor McGlothlin has put the results of the patient research and reflection of years and the enthusiasm for New Testament Christianity of a vital Christian leader.