

Though most of this will not command the assent of Baptists, yet there is an emphasis on the dignity and order of the Church and its work that some Baptists could profit by. J. H. FARMER.

**The Bible at a Single View.** By Richard Green Moulton. Macmillan Company. 137 pp. \$1.00.

Dr. Moulton's training and research well fit him to present the Bible in broad outlines. The purpose is not to present an intensive study of the Bible, but simply to present a clear view of its character and content which is essential to more detailed study. This the author has admirably done. The subject matter is divided as a drama in two acts, followed by the Epilogue, i. e., The Book of Revelation. The appendix is especially well arranged and suggests a method for systematic Bible reading. H. C. WAYMAN.

**Introduction to the New Testament.** By Theodor Zahn, Professor of New Testament Exegesis, Erlanger University. Translated from the Third German Edition by John Moore Trout, William Arnot Mather, Louis Hodous, Edward Strong Worcester, William Hoyt Worrell, and Rowland Backus Dodge, Fellows and Scholars of Hartford Theological Seminary, under the Direction and Supervision of Melancthon Williams Jacobs, Hosmer Professor of New Testament Criticism and Exegesis and Dean of the Faculty, Assisted by Chas. Snow Thayer, Director of the Case Memorial Library. Three volumes in one, second edition, revised. New York, 1917, Charles Scribner's Sons. *xx-*|-564, 617, and 539 pages.

There is no occasion to review Dr. Zahn's monumental work. That it is the standard work for conservative scholarship in its field is well known to all. We wish only to call attention to the fact that by use of a fine, thin paper the whole set of three volumes, more than eighteen hundred pages, is now to be had in one handy volume at a very modest cost. We would advise every preacher and other student of the New Testament to have it. Minor errors in the former edition have been corrected. The paging of the first edition is preserved in this so that references in any literature to the work will hold for this edition.

#### V. HISTORY AND GENERAL.

**A History to the Christian Church.** By Williston Walker, Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Yale University. New York, 1918. Charles Scribner's Sons. *xiii-*|-624 pp. \$3.00 net.

Much depends in an historical work on the viewpoint of the writer. For in spite of much talk of unbiased, impersonal history there is, as

there can be, no such thing. The author of the present volume is a member of that free school of thinkers who seek to trace history by the interaction of various forces and influences on a basis fundamentally evolutionary. This school are overfond of novelty but are at great pains to give scholarly evaluation to all the factors.

In the earlier period, Professor Walker gives far too much weight to the apocalyptic element, as he goes quite too far in defining separate types of thought in the interpretation of Jesus.

One could wish that so new, independent and fresh a handling of the material had broken somewhat more with the established way of placing such extensive emphasis on the history of doctrine, of ecclesiastical forms and of the formal side generally of Christianity. One wants more of missionary expansion, of inner spiritual experience and development and of worship. The balance has not been well preserved by our church historians in the past and is not restored in this volume.

By no means, however, would one suggest that we have here a dry assembling of dates and details. The work is very readable and has the thrill of life in all its pages.

The author is a man of broad sympathies, aiming at appreciation of all the elements that have made the past and are making the future of Christianity. Withal, his spirit is optimistic, which is right in an historian.

The reader will find here a good panoramic picture of the life of Christianity which is as much as any single volume can give. The gift of vitalizing the multitude of facts in history is a great one and is expressed here.

W. O. CARVER.

**The Conversion of Europe.** By Charles Henry Robinson, D. D., Hon. Canon of Ripon and Editorial Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Longmans, Green & Co. London and New York, 1917. 640 pp. Cloth, \$6.00.

Dr. Robinson in this volume has given us a thesaurus of information respecting the spreading of Christianity in Europe. The countries are taken, in general, in the order in which Christianity became generally established as the religion of its peoples. Those unacquainted with the facts may be surprised, therefore, to find Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and France as first treated and in that order. The last chapter but one, of over thirty pages, deals with the Jews.

The most interesting chapters of all are the first and the last—the introductory and the conclusion—for in them the author sums up the main lessons to be drawn from their histories and their bearing on missionary work today.