

critical notes. The book is thus very handy and complete and useful. The new interest in these Jewish apocalypses can be gratified by this scholarly edition.

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II. THEOLOGY AND RELIGION.

The Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Faith. By R. A. Torrey. G. H. Doran Co., 1918. 328 pp. \$1.40 net.

A system of Christian doctrine set forth in the fifteen sermons contained in this volume was originally presented from the pulpit of the church of which the author is pastor. Dr. Torrey's attitude as an orthodox evangelistic preacher is well known and reappears on every page of these sermons. His method is strongly polemic against current forms of error, as seen in the title of one of the two sermons on God: "The Christian Conception of God, or the God of the Bible as Distinguished from the God of Christian Science and the God of Modern Philosophy". The author is not troubled with questions of historical criticism. He accepts the Bible throughout. He quotes a great deal of Scripture in proof of his various points. He insists upon the proper deity of Jesus Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit.

There is a sermon on "The Distinctive Doctrine of Protestantism: Justification by Faith". In the sermon on Sanctification the view is presented that while we are sanctified in the sense of being accepted with God and devoted to his service, and in the farther sense of a progressive purification until death, yet we are never to be wholly sanctified until the coming of Jesus Christ. The author teaches the personality of the devil and the eternity of the punishment of the wicked.

One of the surprises of this volume is that Dr. Torrey gives us no sermon on the Second Coming of Christ. He refers to the Second Coming in many connections. It is clear that for him it is the great hope of the future. In these stirring times few writers who hold the doctrine have failed to give it formal discussion when their task led them naturally to do so. It is quite probable that the author of these sermons felt that on the whole it was better to assume the controverted doctrine of the Second Coming and employ it incidentally to illumine other doctrines than to devote an entire chapter to it. At the same time, it is likely that the readers who agree with Dr. Torrey's doctrinal system generally will wish that he had given a chapter on the theme of the Second Coming. The author's exposition is clear and forceful and especially characterized by abundant use of the Scriptures.

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