

II.—RELIGION AND MISSIONS.

Baptist Home Missions: A Manual for Mission Study Classes, Replete with Information for the General Reader. By Victor I. Masters, D.D., Atlanta. The Publicity Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1914. 25 cents.

Dr. Masters has gathered here a vast amount of information, and has put it in a very readable style. The divisions of the subjects are presented in a way to attract attention and aid the memory. There is first a chapter on Organization and Growth, which gives the proper historical background; and this is followed by one on Coöperation in Home Missions, which compares the Board's work in one of its most important aspects to that of "the helper engine" which enables the regular engine of the train to ascend the heavy grade. Then follow discussions of the several great departments of the work—mountain school, evangelism, enlistment, church building, Negro work, the immigrant, Cuba and Canal Zone, Indian Missions. In all those directions the Board is putting forth an increasing volume of energy.

It is all told in Dr. Masters' animated way; and each chapter is followed by a list of questions. This specially fits the book for the study of classes. This is a good piece of work and will greatly aid in spreading throughout the rank and file of the denomination information concerning its great work.

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Spiritual Conquest Along the Rockies. By Rev. William Niccolls Sloan, Ph.D., Author of "Social Regeneration." Hodder and Stoughton, New York, George H. Doran Company, 1913. 150 pp. \$1.75 net.

From the position of a participant in the "spiritual conquest" of the West the author has given here an historical, practical and theoretical discussion of the situation, opportunities and method of procedure in this work. The material development of the West and the physical features receive a good measure of attention.

The author takes occasion to discuss various questions of social and ecclesiastical policy. His accounts of "The First Call of the West, or the Lure of Gold," and "The Second Call of the