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# BOOKS RECEIVED

[The more important books in this list will be reviewed at length.]

## COMPARATIVE RELIGION

FIEBIG, PAUL. *Religionsgeschichte und Religionsphilosophie*. Tübingen: J.

C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1921. iii+64 pages. M. 1.50.

An elementary textbook, giving in brief, succinct paragraphs statements which may serve as a basis for exposition by the instructor. It gives the barest skeleton description of the great religions and the main questions of religious thought. Well-selected bibliographies (almost exclusively German works) are given with each section.

PATON, LEWIS BAYLES. *Spiritism and the Cult of the Dead in Antiquity*.

New York: Macmillan, 1921. vii+309 pages.

A general survey of the practices of the ancient world having to do with death and the belief in the survival of spirits. Little new material is offered, but known facts are hereby made accessible.

PATERSON, L. *Mithraism and Christianity*. London: Cambridge University

Press, 1921. ix+102 pages. 6.

The author views Christianity as the absolute religion, of which certain adumbrations appeared in Mithraism. The possibility of a mutual influence between these two contemporary religions is recognized, but the author concludes that there is in fact "no direct connection between them."

REID, GILBERT, D.D. *A Christian's Appreciation of Other Faiths*. Chicago:

The Open Court Publishing Company, 1921. 305 pages. \$2.50.

The Billings Lectures delivered on a Unitarian foundation in China. It is a kindly effort of a fairly conservative Christian to appreciate the religious faith of adherents of other religions and of other Christian sects: a contribution to interclass and inter-racial understanding as a basis for world-friendship and peace.

## HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

CONYBEARE, FREDERICK C. *Russian Dissenters*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1921. v+363 pages. \$4.00.

A careful study of the rise and principles of the Old Believers of Great Russia, the Rationalistic Sects of South Russia, and of the Mystic Sects. The writer, disclaiming original research, has given to the English-speaking world the content of outstanding Russian histories. It is a valuable source book for English-speaking students.

DOSKER, HENRY ELIAS. *The Dutch Anabaptists*. Philadelphia: The Judson

Press, 1921. 310 pages. \$2.00.

A series of lectures delivered at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1918-19, based upon material gathered (1903-14) in the *Bibliotheca Reformatoria Neerlandica*, setting forth the origin, theology, parties, views of life, and later history of the Anabaptists.

DUDON, PAUL. *Le Quietiste Espagnol Michel Molinos*. Paris: Gabriel Beauchesne, 1921. v+313 pages.

An extended biography of Molinos with an appreciation of his work. A bibliography is given with a supplement containing important documents relating to his condemnation.

FISHER, LEWIS B. *Which Way?* A study of Universalists and Universalism. Boston: Universalist Publishing House, 1921. 123 pages.

A brief exposition of the principles of the Universalists, with reference to important phases in the historical development of this religious body.

FOAKES JACKSON, F. J. *An Introduction to the History of Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. vii+390 pages. \$4.00.

Covering the period 590-1314 in chapters that are essays rather than chronicles, this work seeks to arouse interest in the history of the Middle Ages. Among other topics it discusses the development of the papacy, the dark ages, the church empire of the west, the crusades, learning and heresy, the friars, the schoolmen, the universities, Dante, and the decay of medievalism. Authorities are cited for each chapter, and a table of important popes is added. The writer believes that the Middle Ages have much to teach the present, while he combats the idea that society in the 14th century reached a height not since attained.

KOCH, HEINRICH A. *Quellenuntersuchungen zu Nemesios von Emesa*. Berlin: Weidmann, 1921. 52 pages. M. 3.

A penetrating inquiry into the origins of the philosophical conceptions set forth in Nemesios' treatise on the nature of man.

MACHEN, J. GRESHAM. *The Origin of Paul's Religion*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 319 pages. \$3.00.

The author contends for Paul's complete independence from his hellenistic environment as affecting particularly Paul's conception of the new birth, the meaning of the sacraments and the lordship of Christ.

MODE, PETER G. *Sourcebook and Bibliographical Guide for American Church History*. Menasha, Wis.: The Collegiate Press, 1921. xxiv+735 pages. \$4.50.

A compilation of significant documents providing a bibliography for the study of American religious life. Here, for the first time, are collected materials previously to be found only by research in various scattered libraries. The extensive and carefully selected bibliographies for detailed study of specific subjects furnish a guide not to be found even by reference to dozens of books. There is an amazing amount of research behind this volume. There is keen discrimination in the inclusion and exclusion of materials. No student pretending an interest in American church history can get along without continued reference to this book.

ROBINSON, J. ARMITAGE. *St. Oswald and the Church of Worcester*. London: Oxford University Press, 1921. 51 pages. 3s. 6d.

A scholarly study of various charters in their relation to St. Oswald and the church of Worcester.

SCHÜTZ, ROLAND. *Apostel und Junger*. Giessen: Töpelmann, 1921. 118 pages. M. 20.

An attempt to recover the pure gospel of Jesus by the processes of literary and historical criticism which distinguishes between the religion of the apostles, the religion of the disciples, and the original religion of Jesus.

TOWNSEND, W. J. *The Great Schoolmen of the Middle Ages*. New York: G. E. Stechert & Co., 1920. xiii+361 pages. \$4.00.

A reprint of the work published several years ago, containing an account of the lives of the Schoolmen, some quotations from their writings, and an estimate of their services to the world.

### BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

GOGUEL, MAURICE, and MONNIER, HENRI. *La Sainte Bible*. Paris: Société Biblique, 1921. 256 pages.

A continuation of this noteworthy new French translation of the Bible. This *livraison* contains John, Acts, and Romans.

HUGHES, JASPER SEATON. *The King's Trumpet*. Holland: Jasper Seaton Hughes, 1921. 175 pages.

An interpretation of the Book of Revelation as oracular announcements of the "King's Trumpet" speaking through John.

OXTOBY, FREDERIC BREADING. *Making the Bible Real*. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1921. 90 pages. \$1.00.

A bird's-eye view of the Bible, giving a brief objective description of the land, a summary of the history of the people, a glimpse of the prophets, a glance at the New Testament, and a condensed story of the rise of the English Bible.

SMITH, CHARLES EDWARD. *The World Lighted*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 210 pages. \$1.00.

A third edition of an exposition of the Book of Revelation, the first edition of which appeared in 1889. It translates the symbolism of the book into wholesome principles of religious leadership and progress, applicable to almost any period of Christian history.

SMITH, ROBINSON. *Moot-Points in the New Testament*. London: Research Papers, 1921.

Mere supplementary notes to the same author's unusual views on the synoptic problem, which were critically examined in the issue of the *Journal of Religion*, November, 1921.

STEVENS, JAMES S. *The English Bible*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 225 pages. \$1.25.

A textbook for the use of classes in the literary study of the Bible. Much stress is laid upon references to the Bible by the great masters of English literature. A better knowledge of the contents of the Bible will result from the use of this book, but very little light is thrown upon its significance and value.

### DOCTRINAL

CADOUX, CECIL JOHN. *The Guidance of Jesus for Today*. New York: Doran, 1921. 175 pages. \$2.00.

A very readable and suggestive study of the teachings of Jesus so as to show how the application of these teachings is possible in modern life. The ethical conclusions are conservative, and often conventional, but serve to indicate how far men are from realizing even these conventional standards.

D'HERBIGNY, MICHAËLE. *De Deo Catholicam Ecclesiam Organicè Vivificante*. Paris: Gabriel Beauchesne, 1921. 359 pages. Fr. 18.

The second portion of an elaborate and scholarly work defining the nature, organization, and functions of the church, and defending the authority and authenticity

of the Roman Catholic church in opposition to opposing theories. With its copious references to historical authorities in the church and its criticism of current opinions, it is a remarkably complete compendium of information on the subject.

DONAT, JOSEPH. *Ethica Generalis*. Innsbruck: Rauch, 1921. vi+228 pages.  
M. 20. *Ethica Specialis*. Innsbruck: Rauch, 1921. iv+302 pages.  
M. 48.

The seventh and eighth volumes of a comprehensive *Summa Philosophiae Christianae*, the six previous volumes of which covered theological doctrine. The present two treatises set forth the general principles of ethics and the consideration of specific problems of individual and social ethics. The author's standing as a Catholic scholar guarantees a valuable discussion.

JOHNSTON, ALLEN W. *The Roman Catholic Bible and the Roman Catholic Church*. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1921. 134 pages. \$1.25.

A polemic against Romanist claims written by a Protestant business man and consisting of an array of proof-texts, doctrinally interpreted, and quoted from the Douay Version to refute Catholics out of their own Scriptures.

KELMAN, JOHN. *The Foundations of Faith*. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1921. 206 pages. \$1.50.

The Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University for 1921. Dr. Kelman discusses the nature of religious authority, the meaning of faith in God, the significance of the incarnation, and some very suggestive discriminations between problems of origin or process and the immediate facts with which experience deals. The lectures express and interpret a virile and reasonable religious faith which draws its inspiration from a mystical appreciation of the usually accepted conceptions of conservative Christianity.

MICKLEM, NATHANIEL. *The Open Light, An Enquiry into Faith and Reality*. New York: George H. Doran Company, 1921. 165 pages. \$2.00.

A refreshingly vigorous and attractively written popular book to show the reasonableness of the fundamentals of Christian faith. The considerations and positions brought forward are in the the main the familiar arguments derived from an idealistic philosophy, and do not come to close grips with more recent psychological and historical problems. For the ordinary layman it is a wholesome and heartening book.

NOLDIN, H., and SCHÖNEGGER, A. *De Poenis Ecclesiasticis*. Innsbruck: Rauch, 1921. 119 pages.

A detailed exposition of the Catholic system of discipline, showing the form and the regulation of penalties imposed by the church. These are related explicitly to canon law as well as to the general teachings of the church.

RAPICAVOLI, CARMELO. *Liberalismo e Protestantismo*. Rome: Casa Ed. "La Speranza," 1921. 96 pages.

A study of liberal thinking in Italian life today, and an evaluation of Protestantism in relation to the issues with which liberalism is concerned.

SPERRY, WILLARD L. *The Disciplines of Liberty*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1921. 164 pages. \$2.00.

A series of brilliantly written essays, dealing with various crucial questions of modern life. They illustrate both in content and in spirit that freedom which characterizes critical thinking, and they embody the forward-looking, flexible devotion which comes from this type of Christian faith.

TELCH, CHARLES. *Epitome Theologiae Moralis*. Innsbruck: Rauch, 1921. vi+602 pages. M. 40.

A Latin manual for the use of Catholic priests and father confessors, setting forth with admirable clearness and detail precisely what should be taught concerning morals, and elucidating both doctrine and administration of the sacraments. Appendices and a copious index together with the well-organized text make this an exceptionally full and accurate guide for the Catholic priest.

VON HÜGEL, FRIEDRICH, BARON. *Essays and Addresses on the Philosophy of Religion*. London: J. M. Dent & Sons; New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1921. vii+308 pages. \$6.00.

Essays collected and arranged by the author to set forth his positions concerning (1) the nature of religion, (2) certain problems connected with the teaching of Jesus and the nature of Christianity, and (3) concerning institutional Christianity. The author's profound mysticism and his freedom in criticism make his messages challenging and suggestive.

WASS, P. VIRGIL. *Repetitorium Theologiae Fundamentalis*. Innsbruck: Rauch, 1921. 328 pages. M. 30.

A compact and well-arranged Latin compendium, by means of which students can quickly review the entire system of Catholic doctrine.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BAKER, CLARA BELLE, and BAKER, EDNA DEAN. *The Bible in Graded Story*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 135 pages. \$1.00.

The fascinating stories hidden in the Bible put in usable form for use in the elementary grades of the public school, church school, or the home. The stories are prepared for six- to eight-year olds. Biblical phrasing is retained thus maintaining the literary values. The ethical and religious values arise from the stories in a natural way. The book itself is beautiful, with excellent paper, type, binding, and artistic illustrations.

BETTS, GEORGE HERBERT. *The New Program of Religious Education*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 105 pages. \$0.75.

A clear statement of the distorted emphasis in the programs of the Protestant church which places religious education at the bottom of the list of church functions when in reality it should head the list. Reasons for this are given together with an analysis of current education and a sketch of the program and method the church will adopt when it appreciates its real task. An excellent discussion on one of the most pressing problems of Protestantism.

COPE, HENRY F. *Principles of Christian Service*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 141 pages. \$0.60.

One of four textbooks for the adult department in the "Standard Course in Teacher Training" outlined and approved by the Sunday-School Council of Evangelical Denominations. This volume presents the reasons for and necessity of service on the part of the church and church members; analyzes the church program in terms of service and evaluates the possibilities of service in the home, community, world, and the church itself.

DANIELSON, FRANCES WELD. *Methods with Beginners*. Boston: The Pilgrim Press, 1921. 162 pages. \$0.60.

Two years ago the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations prepared an outline of a "Standard Course of Teacher Training" for all the churches in the United States and Canada. The author was selected to write the section on methods for the beginners' department. She is recognized as an authority in this field and presents a readable analysis of beginners' methods.

HANSON, HELEN PATTEN. *A Travel Book for Juniors*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 252 pages. \$1.25.

Thirty-two stories for juniors giving experiences of a trip from the United States to and through the Bible lands. Bible references and historical incidents which refer to the various places visited are woven into the story in an interesting way.

HARTLEY, GERTRUDE. *The Use of Projects in Religious Education*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 91 pages. \$1.00.

One in a series of texts in religious education known as the "Judson Training Manuals for the Church School of the Church." The author, by gathering schemes that have actually proved successful, shows how the average teacher anywhere can use all sorts of projects right at hand to stimulate interest.

POTEAT, EDWIN| MCNEILL. *The Withered Fig Tree*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. \$1.00.

A discussion of stewardship prepared for use in stewardship training classes. It is rather formal in method and content.

SMITH, ROY L. *Moving Pictures in the Church*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 37 pages. \$0.35.

A little pamphlet by one who has pioneered, blundered, and finally developed ripened judgments regarding the wisdom and methods of using moving pictures in church work. He believes that the church should use moving pictures. He tells why, answers the many objections, and points out the pitfalls to avoid.

## PREACHING AND CHURCH ORGANIZATION

AGAR, FREDERICK A. *Modern Money Methods for the Church*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 144 pages. \$1.00.

The author is a successful adviser of churches in the organization and promotion of the church enterprise. In this little volume he presents the principles, methods, and detailed program of financing a church. The author knows from experience what is wise and effective.

BROWN, CHARLES REYNOLDS. *Social Rebuilders*. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1921. 147 pages. \$1.25.

Studies of Moses, Elijah, Amos, Isaiah, and Nehemiah as constructive leaders of the national life in periods not unlike our own. It is written in the pungent style and marked by the clear insight which have made Dean Brown a leader in modern thought and life.

BURNEY, C. F. *The Gospel in the Old Testament*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1921. 256 pages. \$3.50.

Twenty sermons by the Oriel Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oxford. The historical method and point of view so admirably represented in the

author's commentary on Judges are here sicklied o'er with the pale cast of homiletic thought; and the sermons are not good enough to atone for the damage done to the scholarship.

DALRYMPLE, DAMON. *The Mantle of Elijah*. New York: George H. Doran Co., 1921. 124 pages. \$1.50.

The writer boldly uses the device of the parting words of Elijah to Elisha to set forth the modern charge to the Christian minister who would continue the prophetic succession; as full of anachronisms as a Dutch Holy Family representing the burgomaster's household, in which Elijah quotes Tennyson and blends the language of Zion with a racy vernacular; but interesting because of its audacity and timely in its counsel.

SHANNON, FREDERICK F. *The Economic Eden*. New York: Fleming H. Revell, 1921. 160 pages. \$1.25.

Another volume from the fertile pulpit of Dr. Shannon. Fresh titles; interesting use of poetry and quotation; clear sermonic divisions; truth fitted to the times; occasional paragraphs of real eloquence; never the cheap or flippant note; less sustained in quality than *The Enchanted Universe*; not "great" preaching, but worthy of publication and wide reading.

WILLIAMS, CHARLES D. *The Prophetic Ministry for Today*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 157 pages. \$1.75.

A volume worthy of the Lyman Beecher Lectures by the Bishop of Michigan; pulsing with the social passion of a brave man and fearless preacher; rich in suggestion; clear and energetic in style; true to the prophetic conception of the ministry while not rejecting the priestly.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

GAMBLE, SIDNEY D., assisted by BURGESS, JOHN STEWART. *Peking, A Social Survey*. New York: George H. Doran Company, 1921. vii+538 pages. \$5.00.

A commendable example of the scientifically organized kind of investigation indispensable to the wise planning of remedial work. This admirably complete survey was conducted under the auspices of the Princeton University Center in China, and the Peking Y.M.C.A.

HAYNE, COE. *By-Paths to Forgotten Folks*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 203 pages. \$1.25.

Popular sketches depicting aspects of missionary work among the American Indians.

HOBHOUSE, L. T. *The Rational Good*. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1921. 237 pages. \$2.00.

An unusually suggestive and closely analyzed study of human impulses and the ways in which they are controlled and directed. The rational good is defined in terms of a harmonizing of all interests and facts which experience must meet. A rational self-control and a rational organization of society constitute the ends of an evolutionary process. The moral consciousness of man gives to him a creative share in the shaping of things in the interest of harmony.

LANGDALE, JOHN W. *Citizenship and Moral Reform*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1921. 141 pages. \$1.25.

An appeal to Christian people to express their Christianity in good citizenship. The various chapters set forth certain fundamental facts, cite instances in which actual improvement has been secured, and show how the Christian spirit may find active expression.

MATHEWS, SHAILER, and SMITH, GERALD BIRNEY. *A Dictionary of Religion and Ethics*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. iii+513 pages. \$8.00.

A one-volume work, planned to furnish reliable information on religious and ethical matters. More than one hundred scholars contribute, and the historical point of view is maintained throughout. Particular attention has been given to the leading features of ethnic religions, as well as to the historical, doctrinal, and practical aspects of Christianity.

PARK, ROBERT E., and BURGESS, ERNEST W. *Introduction to the Science of Sociology*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1921. v+1,040 pages. \$4.50.

A textbook consisting of readings selected from a remarkably wide range of sources, and unified by the organization of topics and the interpretative sections supplied by the authors. With its copious bibliographies it constitutes an excellent guide and source book for acquaintance with the scientific method of studying social behavior and social groups.

WILKINS, ERNEST HATCH. *Dante: Poet and Apostle*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1921. vii+87 pages. \$1.25.

A brochure containing the early life story of Dante, his philosophy of life as revealed in the *Divine Comedy*, the *Convivio*, and the *Monarchia*; and some comments upon the poetic qualities of the *Divine Comedy*.