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The topic for consideration leads to ground where every inch has been fought over, and is still contested. The greatest controversies have been actuated by dogmatic interests.¹⁾ From the time of the *Magdeburg Centuries* and the *Annales Eccle-*

1) The basic argument against the Catholic Church during the Reformation period was not historical, but Scriptural. It is only natural that the historical argument should appear, in fact, quite frequently and quite spontaneously. Hans von der Planitz, writing from the *Reichsregiment* at Nuremberg to his Elector about the discussion on the mass and monastic vows, January, 1522, says: "Dan vor dieser zeit nach der himmelfahrt Christi eezlich hundert jar kein monchsorden vom babst bestetigt gewest, sso hetten auch die prister eezlich hundert jar weiber gehabt. Und were ein lange zeit under beiderlei gestalt das heilige sacrament den leihen und christen gereicht worden." This is a very clear and concise expression of the historical view-point at the very beginning of the actual reorganization according to the Reformation principles. However, in the controversy it remained but a side-issue. With the reformers of every type, as well as with Frederick and the other rulers drawn into the controversy, the decisive criterion was the teaching of Scripture.—The *Magdeburg Centuries* were the first—and ever will remain one of the most massive—attempts to shatter the Catholic system by showing how it grew century after century into its medieval form. The *Annales Ecclesiastici* of Baronio were the Catholic answer to them. With the stimulus of these two exhaustive treatises, representing opposite view-points, one would expect to meet a host of scholars scanning the records of the early centuries. Largely owing to the continuation of that earlier interest in the Bible only, this prospect did not come true. A monumental *Historia Literaria* was published by Cave, which is the first real effort in giving a comprehensive account of Christian authors and their writings. The work has merit to-day only as a curio. The real study of that early period began with the spread of rationalism and higher criticism. Christianity was considered a historical growth,

BOOK REVIEW.

Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.:—

1. REGISTER ZUM MAGAZIN FUER EV.-LUTH. HOMILETIK UND PASTORALTHEOLOGIE. Deutsch-englische Monatschrift. Jahrg. 1—38. Bearbeitet von *H. Schmidt*, Pastor in Appleton City, Mo. 250 pages. \$1.00.

Those who knew the author will pick up this volume with a melancholy interest: a few days after he had finished this faithful, exhaustive, and painstaking compilation and systematic arrangement of the contents of thirty-eight volumes of the Missouri Synod's famous *Magazin*, he entered into his rest. His last public act is a distinct service which he has rendered his brethren in the ministry; for the *Index* which he has furnished them for their cherished homiletical periodical is eminently serviceable. It presents, 1) the "dispos" of sermons for the Sundays, Festival Days and Week Day Services of the ecclesiastical year; 2) those for Saints' Days and extraordinary festivals; 3) those for special occasions; 4) those for particular Scripture texts; 5) homiletical studies of pericopal and other portions of Scriptures; 6) a conspectus of all Bible texts treated in the 38 volumes of the *Magazin*; 7) a survey of the re-

mainder of the contents of the 38 volumes, mostly matter belonging to the domain of Pastoral Theology; 8) a topical index; 9) a list of reviews of homiletical literature.

2. *DER APOSTOLISCHE BRIEF AN DIE KOLOSSER*, fuer Theologen und Nichttheologen ausgelegt und inhaltlich dargestellt von *Carl Manthey-Zorn*. 546 pages. \$1.50.

The faith and life of Christians, the *credenda* and *agenda* of our profession, the inwardness and outwardness of the life which is of God, in God, with God, is here depicted in pleasing style and with cordial pastoral fervor. It is a truly illuminating and edifying interpretation of one of the choicest parts of the New Testament which the author here offers to pastors and parishioners, teachers and students. The difficult terminology of the professional exegete has been almost entirely discarded in this book, and an example worthy of imitation has thus been furnished to show that the deep things of the Scriptures can be expressed in the common language of plain people. But the best part of this exposition is that the practical importance of everything that the Christian religion teaches, its constant bearing on man's thinking and doing, is shown with great skill. The author's remarks on legalism we admit in the sense that the impression must never be created, — which, however, some expounders of the "duties of Christians" not infrequently create, — *viz.*, that Christianity is something which the Christian achieves. It is all achieved in him.

3. *THE REFORMATION OF LUTHER A WORK OF GOD*. A doctrinal paper submitted at the Eastern District Synod by *Rev. F. C. Verwiebe*. 45 pages. 15 cts.

4. *DIVINE PRESERVATION AND GOVERNMENT*. (Concluded.) A doctrinal paper submitted at the Northern Illinois District Synod by *Prof. G. Eifrig*. Contains also the Constitution and By-Laws of the District. 18 pages. 15 cts.

5. *THE TABLE OF DUTIES* (in Luther's Small Catechism) *FOR SERVANTS AND MASTERS*. A doctrinal paper submitted at the Michigan District Synod by *Rev. O. Luebke*. Contains also an essay on the *Essence of Justifying Faith* by *Rev. H. Speckhard*. 41 pages. 12 cts.

6. *HISTORY AND DISTINCTIVE DOCTRINES OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS*. A doctrinal paper submitted at the South Dakota District Synod by *Prof. G. Weller*. 59 pages. 15 cts.

7. *WONDERS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION*. A doctrinal paper submitted at the Atlantic Synod by *Rev. P. Roesener*. 49 pages. 15 cts.

8. *THE REFORMATION*. A Program for the Reformation Festival and Children's Day. 19 pages. 5 cts.; per dozen, 48 cts.; per hundred, \$3.50, and postage.

9. *REFORMATIONSKATECHESE*. Auf Verlangen der Gemischten Chicago Heights-Konferenz dem Druck ueberlassen von *Pastor E. H. . . .*, sen. 4 pages. 3 cts.; per dozen, 30 cts.; per hundred, \$2.00.

Both these programs for the children's service on Reformation Day treat the main facts of Luther's life and work, the former in 118, the latter in 103 questions and answers. The English program, moreover, contains appropriate songs, hymns, and music.

10. *BEREA BIBLE CLASS LESSONS* 1915—1916. 24 pages. 10 cts.

This number contains twelve lessons on the life of David, King of Israel, and eight lessons on Peter, the Apostle of Jesus.

SOUVENIR OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation, New Orleans, La. 32 pages.

MEMENTO OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn. 16 pages.

These brief historical sketches by Praeses Wegener and Pastor Kreinheder are cheering tales of gratitude for what God has accomplished in two places in His kingdom by men and in spite of men.

In a four-page German tract of diminutive size (1 ct. a copy, less for quantities) *Pastor Kaiser* has condensed reasons *WHY CHRISTIANS PATRONIZE THE CHRISTIAN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL*.

E. Eckhardt, Battle Creek, Nebr.:—

1. *FRAUENSTIMMRECHT*. Von *E. Eckhardt*. 16 pages.

2. *SYNERGISM*. Same author. 40 pages.

Both tracts discuss timely topics, and will aid in formulating intelligent judgments. In the former tract we are specially pleased with the argument that "woman suffrage," as advocated by many whom nature had intended for men, is not an adiaiphoron in the strict sense of the word. The latter tract enters upon the points which have become controverted in the Lutheran Church of America in consequence of the Predestinarian controversy. Its chief value is that it offers facts and evidence in a handy form.

Success Printing Co., St. Louis, Mo.: has issued No. 11 of the *SAENGERBOTE*, which we have noticed in this place in previous issues. Besides the usual poetical contributions there are editorial articles, which enhance the value of the periodical.

F. W. Herzberger, 3619 Iowa Ave., St. Louis, Mo.:—

THE FAIREST FLAG BENEATH THE SKY. 10 cts.

Words and music of a fine patriotic song are here offered. Our readers can do some American editors a distinct favor by calling their attention to the fact that the author is of German extraction. It is seemingly become fashionable to question the loyalty to our American government of any person who has had the "misfortune" of German descent.

Louis Lange Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.:—

BLAETTER UND BLUETEN. Dargeboten von der Redaktion der *Abendschule*. 21. Bd. 376 pages. \$1.25.

Filled with entertaining and informing literature, and dressed in the pleasing style of its twenty predecessors, this new volume in the *Abendschule* series for the home library of Christian households appears as a worthy addition to the collection.

FIFTY REASONS. Copernicus or the Bible? Philosophy and vain deceit or true science? Which is right? The Bible and Practical Astronomy or the Babel of theoretical, poetical, Newtonian fiction? By *F. E. Pasche*, Morris, Minn. 47 pages. 20 cts.

"He never would consent to the assertion that the earth moves; maintaining that it was contrary alike to his own observation and to Bible authority, as Joshua commanded not the earth, but the sun to stand still," relates A. A. Hodge of Hugh McCulloch. (Life of Charles Hodge, p. 4.) In all generations since the age of Copernicus and Newton unbiased and fair-minded men have found it impossible to harmonize the clamorous claims of astronomical science with the Bible. Our author joins the throng of noble predecessors, championing with telling effect the "optical delusions" of the writers of Scripture as realities over and against the confused and confusing "finds" of an anti-Scriptural astronomy. His brochure exhibits the strange folly of "knowing so many things that are not so."

KRIEGSLIEDER UND GEDICHTE von *A. Wenzel*, Luther-ville, Ark. 32 pages. 10 cts.; less in quantities.

Contains twenty-two longer and shorter poems expressing the sentiments of one who sympathizes with Germany and Austria in the present war.

Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, Wis.:—

1. **LÜTHER AND OUR FOURTH OF JULY.** 40 pages. 5 cts.; less in quantities.
2. **WHY THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** 8 pages. 5 cts.; less in quantities.

In the first of these tracts by Pastor Dallmann more than a hundred opinions voiced by men of renown on Luther's relation to political liberty have been grouped under four heads, and accompanied by illuminating remarks. The second tract, which is out in a second edition, states well the reasons why the men to whom the ordering of the affairs of a congregation has been committed should attend the meetings of the voting members of the congregation.

3. **VERHANDLUNGEN DER 55. VERSAMMLUNG DER DEUTSCHEN EV.-LUTHERISCHEN SYNODE VON MINNESOTA U. A. ST.**

Contains, besides an exhaustive review of the business transactions of the Synod, a doctrinal paper by *Rev. R. Heidtmann* on *Efficient Means for Combating Worldliness in Our Churches*.

Verlag des Schriftenvereins, Zwickau, Saxony:—

1. *WELTKRIEG UND WIEDERGEBOURT*. Von *Pastor W. Woehling*. 26 pages. 25 Pf.
2. *KRIEGSBETRACHTUNGEN* in Anlehnung an den Kleinen Katechismus. Von *Martin Willkomm*. 63 pages. 50 Pf.
3. *DIE SCHULD DER KIRCHE AM KRIEGE UND IM KRIEGE*. Von *O. Willkomm*. 24 pages. 15 Pf.—All these tracts sell for less when ordered in quantities.

The present war in Europe has already produced a literature of astonishing dimensions. Viewed from the Christian standpoint, the three tracts which are here noted are among the best that we have read so far. In a calm and dispassionate manner the first tract discusses the question whether it is in accord with Scripture to expect as a result of the present war a regeneration of the German nation and, through the German nation, of the world. This question is negatived, if "regeneration" be understood in its Scriptural meaning.—The second tract is a remarkably practical pastoral offering to aid soldiers and their friends in their daily devotions during the war.—The third tract takes up the question of responsibility for the present war, and, while denying the political guilt of Germany in the outbreak of the war, very earnestly sets forth the guilt of spiritual neglect with which the Church of Germany had loaded itself prior to the war, and is loading itself during its progress.

4. *Unser Missionswerk in Kriegszeiten*. By *H. G. Amling*. 10 Pf.
5. *Haltet an am Gebet!* By *R. Kern*. 10 Pf.
6. *Aushalten—Haushalten*.
7. *Was sagt der Herr Jesus vom Krieg?*
8. *Vom falschen und rechten Trost*.
9. *Durch seine Wunden sind wir geheilet*.

Each of the last four: 100 copies for M. 1.

What we have said in the last issue in strong commendation of similar efforts of our Saxon brethren to carry the Word of God to the European battlefields applies to these sequels.

The Lutheran Publishing Company, Ltd., Hochkirch, Victoria, Australia:—

SYNODALBERICHT DES QUEENSLAND-DISTRIKTS. 1914.
49 pages. 6 pence.

Contains an able paper by Rev. E. Darsow on "The Blessings Accruing from Synodical Fellowship." We note, with regret, that also our Australian brethren have felt compelled to give special evidence of their loyalty to their Australian government. Possibly we may have to do the same in America. The pity of it!

Lutheran Publishing House, Decorah, Iowa:—

1. *BERETNING OM DAT 31TE ORDENTLIGE SYNODE-MOEDE* af Synoden for den norsk-evangelisk-lutherske Kirke i America. 1914. 398 pages.

The Synodical Reports of all the Norwegian bodies are interesting and valuable at the present time because of the movement

for organic union. How this question was debated *pro* and *con*, at the Norwegian Synod's convention at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and how a minority of considerable proportions is forming against the Madison Theses (which have also been placed under stricture by the Synodical Conference in two points), is shown by the extensive minutes on pages 47. 69. 74. 82. 133. 140 ff.

2. *VERBAL INSPIRATION*. By *Jacob Aall Ottesen Stub*. 108 pages.

This treatise aims at exhibiting the old Lutheran view of the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures, and as such is a *rara avis* among kindred publications of the hour. It is written not only with a commanding grasp of the pertinent passages of the Bible that compel the teaching of the plenary, *i. e.*, verbal, inspiration, but also with an adequate knowledge of the hostile literature that the last generation has had inflicted on itself. For this reason we are somewhat surprised at the rather mild remark of the author about "mechanical" inspiration on p. 27. In the view and intention of those who have coined that term, it is meant as an opprobrium, and is made to apply to some very respectable Lutherans of the age of orthodoxy.

Luther Press, Minneapolis, Minn.:—

A POPULAR APPEAL (in Three Languages) *FOR A THREE-LANGUAGE EDUCATION*: English, Scandinavian, and German, by the Victor direct method. Reprint from *Northern Review* by *Prof. J. N. Lenker, D. D.* 77 pages. 25 cts.

The appeal which this brochure issues to "study and talk your family language," to learn one or more languages besides the vernacular of your country, is good. Whether it is desirable to evolve a special American form of English, we doubt, and we fail to see that the author has made his appeal "in three languages": there is no appeal in German in his brochure.

Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.:—

AUGUSTANA SYNODENS REFERAT 1915. 276 pages plus 130 pages of statistics.

Contains the transactions of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod at its convention at Minneapolis in June of this year.

Wartburg Publishing House, Chicago, Ill.:—

By an oversight we have failed to call attention to an excellent *portrait of Luther* that was sent us in February. It is a photogravure copied from an original of Lucas Cranach, painted in 1535. The size is 16×20, and the price 50 cts.

Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.:—

1. *CATECHIZATIONS ON LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM*. By *Rev. H. J. Schuh*. 357 pages. \$1.50.

This is a collection of 104 catechizations, complete in questions and answers, for use in the advanced grades of a Sunday-school.

The basis of the *Catechizations* is Luther's Small Catechism with the explanations of the Ohio Synod. A distinct merit of the *Catechizations* is their constant recurrence to the text of the Enchiridion. The catechization on the Christian Sunday, pp. 37 f., is very timely. In the catechization on Marriage, pp. 66 f., something should have been said on betrothal. The definition of usury, p. 72, is conventional and not exhaustive of the Scriptural meaning of the term. Deference to age-long custom is also apparent in the grouping of contrition, p. 220, as a part of conversion. If contrition is "sorrow of the heart," and as such a part of conversion, the catechumen will be bewildered by the examples of Peter and Judas which are introduced. In other words, there is a "sorrow of the heart" which is not a "part" of conversion. The catechization of Election, pp. 259 ff., which is based entirely on the in-view-of-faith theory, cannot mean anything else to a thinking catechumen who remembers the catechization on conversion than that God, in electing men unto eternal life, foreknew His own discretion, if the elective decree is "based upon His foreknowledge."

2. *TO MY SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.* A Series of Short Papers in Popular Form on Teaching in the Sunday-school. By *Rev. J. Sheatsley*. Third edition. 123 pages. 35 cts.

These sensible and cordial talks of a pastor to his Sunday-school teachers advocate true aims and good methods for the religious instruction and child-care which this species of school assumes.

Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn.:—

NORSKE LUTHERSKE PRESTER I AMERICA 1843—1913.
Samlet af Pastor O. M. Norlie etc. 642 pages.

The greater portion of this unique publication (pp. 95—566) is devoted to about 2,000 very brief biographical sketches of the pastors who have labored, or are still laboring, and of men who have helped to train these pastors of the various Norwegian bodies in our country. All of the sketches which condense the main facts of the respective pastor's life into the least space possible are accompanied by very good photographs, which show well on the calendered paper on which the whole book has been printed. The first part of the book contains a highly instructive historical account of the development of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, divided into seven chapters, according to seven decades (from 1843—1913). This historical section embodies some illuminating statistical tables and charts. The chart on page 4 exhibits the gradual Americanization of the four generations of Norwegians who have lived and are living in America. Incidentally we learn that of 200,000 Norwegians now living in America a little more than one-fourth are in the churches of the various Lutheran or evangelical bodies. A special chapter, composite as regards authorship, has been devoted to the Norwegian synods, fourteen of them being named. A chart on page 95 exhibits to the eye the genesis and evolutions of the most important of these bodies, and one on page 612, the comparative representation of Norwegian pastors in the various States of the Union. Pages 563—4 are de-

voted to illustrated biographical notices of professors at our Concordia Seminaries at St. Louis and Springfield who have helped to train Norwegian pastors, and incidentally we learn that 132 Norwegians were graduated from Concordia Seminary at St. Louis and six from the Seminary at Springfield. The entire book is dedicated "to the mother-church in Norway by the daughter-church," and breathes love for the home country and hope for a union of all Norwegian Lutherans in America.

NORGESFAERDEN. Luther College Concert Band og Chorus. Koncertturnéen 1914. Udgivet af en Komité. Decorah, Iowa. Udgivernes forlag. 1914. 430 pages.

During the centennial year of Norway's independence the Concert Band and Chorus of Luther College, under the direction of Prof. Sperati, and escorted by the President of their school, C. A. Prou, visited and toured Norway and other parts of Europe. This book gives a profusely illustrated account, written in the college-spirit, of the journey.

The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.:—

THE DISTINCTIVE DOCTRINES AND USAGES OF THE GENERAL BODIES OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. 275 pages.

The publishers justify this new edition as follows:

The former volume of *Distinctive Doctrines and Usages* was published more than twenty years ago. It was favorably received by the Lutheran Church in America, and passed through three editions. Its purpose was to give in brief compass the history, doctrinal teachings, and valuable statistics of a number of the largest Lutheran bodies in this country. Some of its material has long since been out of date, and, therefore, misleading to present readers.

This new volume is in reality more than an edition of the old one. Only one article stands as in the former editions, while four are thoroughly revised, one entirely rewritten, and four new ones added. The present work more than fills to-day the place the old one filled when it was given to the Church. It is not a book of statistics or of creedal statements merely. It is rather a history of the rise and progress of the Church of the Reformation in America, from its beginning to the present time. It furnishes all Lutherans reliable information with respect to the bodies herein represented.

These writers speak for themselves. But they also speak for their respective general bodies. They have been selected to do this work because of their standing in their own synods. They are men of recognized piety and scholarly attainments. They write with authority, for they are familiar with the history of our entire Church, and especially of that particular branch to which each belongs.

A perusal of the volume will reveal the fact that there is no attempt to shade off doctrinal and practical differences. There have been differences, and they still exist. The authors, with customary Lutheran frankness, seek to be absolutely true to the historical development of their portion of the Lutheran household, believing that by this method alone will we come to understand each other better.

The contents of this book are probably well known to our pastors, who, no doubt, consider this book a *necessarium* in their libraries. But for information to the general public and to chronicle the achievements of the various authors we give herewith the list of contents: 1. The Joint Synod of Ohio. By Rev. Prof. M. Loy, D. D. 2. The General Synod. By Pres. J. A. Singmaster, D. D. 3. The German Iowa Synod. By Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D. 4. The General Council. By Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D. 5. The Synodical Conference. By Rev. Prof. F. Pieper. 6. The United Synod in the South. By Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D., LL. D. 7. The United Norwegian Church of America. By Rev. Prof. F. A. Schmidt, D. D., and Rev. J. C. Roseland. 8. The Lutheran Free Church. By Prof. John O. Evjen, Ph. D. 9. The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. By Rev. Prof. P. S. Vig.

General Council Publication House, Philadelphia, Pa.:—

THE TELUGU MISSION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Containing a biography of the Rev. Ch. Fr. Heyer, M. D. By *George Drach and Calvin F. Kuder.* 399 pages. \$2.00.

The joint authorship of this volume enlists the technical knowledge and practical experience of both the General Secretary of the General Council's Board of Foreign Missions and of a missionary actually at work at Rajahmundry, India, in the clear, exhaustive, and sympathetic descriptions that are given in this volume of a work that has been an object of cordial concern of many Christians in the General Council. The work was originally to have come from the pen of the father of the General Council's work in India, Rev. Heyer, but death interrupted his work, and after forty years of delay, during which the face of the mission in India has been greatly changed and its stature and size increased, it is now completed.

The Lutheran Publication Society has issued a voluminous report of 613 pages, which exhibits the **PROCEEDINGS OF THE 47TH CONVENTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.**

Charles Scribner's Sons, New York:—

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH. By *Ernest F. Scott,* D. D. XI and 279 pages. \$1.25.

The Professor of New Testament Criticism in Queen's Theological College at Kingston, Canada, delivered the Ely Lectures at Union Seminary in 1914. This book is the result. It is an investigation of affairs in the earliest Christian age, the period, in fact, that lies between the death of Jesus and the first literary activity of Paul. The organization of the first Christian Church, the communal life within this Church, the establishment of its sacred ordinances, especially the Sacraments, are here discussed after the scientific method. This method, we think, accounts for such judgments as these: "Baptism 'in the name of Jesus' consisted in the acknowledgment of Jesus as the Lord." (p. 181.) Paul's co-

ordination in 1 Cor. 10 of the two Christian Sacraments is said to be the result of "a fanciful exegesis." (p. 164.) The narrative in Acts 2 of the Pentecostal miracle is said to have "assumed its present forms under the influence of ideas" which Luke had conceived of the parallel between the Old Testament and the New Testament meaning of Pentecost.

Dodd, Mead, and Company, New York:—

WOMEN UNDER POLYGAMY. By *Walter M. Gallichan.* With numerous illustrations. 356 pages. \$2.50.

Barring the references to Luther's views on polygamy, pp. 43 and 294, which we consider incomplete, this study of the polygamous and polygynous phenomenon which meets us in every age of the world since Lamech is the most comprehensive in scope and lucid in style and arrangement that we have seen. The religious side is not discussed, but the status of polygamy and allied or substitutive practises (including sacerdotal celibacy) in ancient, medieval, and modern times is exhibited with sufficient completeness to give one a panoramic view of the world's practise. In a Preface by Woodbridge Riley the American edition of this book, which we have before us, has been enriched by reflections on Mormon polygamy.

Richard G. Badger, Boston:—

TRENDS OF THOUGHT AND CHRISTIAN TRUTH. By *John A. W. Haas.* 329 pages. \$1.50.

This book of the President of the Lutheran Muhlenberg College is, in its first part, a review and criticism of the "leading trends of thought." We are, first, introduced to "the mathematical method," represented by Kant in his *Critique of Pure Reason*. The attack made upon the Kantian method by positivists and mathematicians like Poincaré, Lobatschewsky, and others is also described in this chapter. Next follows a review of the Inductive trend of thought, whose great formulator is John Stuart Mill. While not blind to the dangers which this method presents to the Christian thinker, the author regards this method, when "guarded by the proper objective presupposition of the unity of revelation," as "most servicable to express the truths of Christianity, and to formulate the many and manifold Christian experiences." In the next chapter the author presents that school of thought in which analogy and comparison are employed predominantly for the discovery of truth. Darwin, Sir Rawlinson in his Assyriological studies, Grimm in his linguistic research, are adduced as examples. In this chapter the author justly warns scientists against the fallacy of *metabasis eis allo genos*, thus:

The failure of Drummond in finding in analogy a real constructive argument to unite nature and religion ought to be a warning to those who, from the scientific point of view, attempt to use comparison destructively against religion. When necessity, indestructibility of matter, and conservation of energy, or natural selection, adaptation, and survival of the fittest are transferred to religion as essential conditions and as basal laws, a great logical error has been committed. There has been no examination into the specific phenomena and into the differences of

their character. The laws of one sphere have been unjustly forced upon another. It is true in science that the laws of no one science can form the essential conditions of another science. Still less can the formulations of any science be introduced as demands into the sphere of faith, which is radically diverse. If they are forced upon religion, its nature and character will be distorted. Valuable facts of religion will be eliminated, and minor facts, because of an apparent analogy, will be stressed out of all relation to their real worth in the totality of religion. It is very strange to note how some scientists so strongly resent the interference of religion through comparison with nature, but, seeing the world from their small angle, they would apply their generalizations to religion.

In chap. V the author discusses the "mechanical method," as he finds it in Brahmanism, Buddhism, Nietzsche, and others. Chap. VI presents the "biological supposition"; chap. VII, the "psychological solution"; chap. VIII, the "social trend." In the second part, "Thought and Truth," the author studies the Finding of Truth by such schools of thought as the absolutist, the mystic, the pragmatic, the vitalist, and the realist. Everywhere the book exhibits extensive reading, and from the subjects indicated our readers will, without our saying so, have inferred that this book is not easy reading. Our chief interest in this book is theological, and thus considered, we find ourselves in that class of persons whose criticism the author has anticipated in the Preface, when he says: "The strict adherent of the older position [of orthodoxy] will claim that undue concessions to the modern spirit have been made." However, it is not easy to put the finger on any one of these concessions. For the author has guarded his language with great care, and is an able defender of the rights of theology as *sui generis*, and of such fundamental truths as atonement against Eucken, etc., that the general impression which one carries away from a perusal of his book is one of profit and pleasure.

The Abingdon Press, New York:—

THE RETIRED MINISTER. His Claim Inherent, Foremost, Supreme. By *Joseph B. Hingeley*. 592 pages. \$1.00 plus postage.

The aim of this opportune publication is to set forth the retired minister's claim to a retiring competency,—a subject that will enlist at once the keen interest of thousands of clergymen. The claim is, first, shown to be inherent, that is, "the right to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel ministry." It is shown, secondly, to be foremost, in that the meeting of this obligation reacts helpfully on the churches. In a Third Part, the Program of Methodism is explained, which has declared the retired minister's claim the supreme claim. In a Fourth Part we have illustrations of the claim by fact, story, and song. The entire work is a compilation, many authors having contributed to its pages. We value this book chiefly as a source of information on a mooted subject. The advocacy of Levitical customs, based on an enforced tithe-system, do not comport with evangelical Christianity. The indigent clergyman may be a standing reproach in evangelical Christendom, but there are cures for this evil that are worse than the evil. We were greatly attracted

by the sentiments which Dr. Keeney, President of the Permanent Fund Commission of the Central New York Conference, has embodied in his paper: "Paving the Last Mile for the Itinerant":

Six hundred dollars was the most he earned
 In any year, so far as I'm aware;
 For two and forty years he lived on that,
 Or less. Riches unsearchable he preached,
 And drew this pittance for his household's needs.
 And yet he seemed to think it was enough.
 I do not know that ever he complained.
 Perhaps it was enough, for he was fed
 And clothed. His wife, the boys and girls, the horse,
 All had enough. He had his work to do,
 And did it faithfully, as unto God.
 And where he labored, hungry hearts were blest,
 Sinners became good men. The village smiled
 Where Amzi Smith abode.
 As God blessed Obed-Edom and his house
 The while the ark was there, so did He bless
 The towns and fields and hamlets where this man
 Dwelt, with God's glory in his humble soul.
 O God, let not that race of giants die;
 Give us more men like them, old-fashioned, brave,
 True to the truth; men that have made the Church
 Mighty, and glad, and songful in the past.

The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind.:—

LEARNING AND DOING. By *Edgar James Swift.*

This volume belongs to the Childhood and Youth Series of pedagogical monographs which is being published under the general editorship of Prof. O'Shea, of the University of Wisconsin. The aim of the series is to "present in popular style the results of research in every phase of child-life." It purports to be "the first systematic attempt to give to parents, teachers, social workers, and all others interested in the care and training of the young, the best modern knowledge about children in a manner easily understood and thoroughly interesting." The present volume, by the Professor of Psychology and Education in Washington University, St. Louis, holds that the school program should not be separated into the subjects which the children learn by doing, and those which they learn from the teacher's instruction and from books. He says: "Why could not both methods be combined? The writer is of the opinion that the principle of 'learning by doing' is applicable to all the studies of the school, and that it should cease to be merely an attachment to school methods, to be used in certain subjects, such as manual training, and in a few others on 'laboratory days.'" The author deprecates also the shortening of the child's educational period which our present commercial and industrial age seems to demand. The book, though it does not take cognizance of the peculiar work of our religious day (parochial) schools, deserves the attention and study of our pedagogs. It is well written, and affords a good insight into the earnest struggles in which modern pedagogs outside of our circles must engage with serious problems confronting them.

Burr Printing House, New York:—

RELIGION AND DRINK. By the Rev. E. A. Wasson, Ph. D.
301 pages.

“Safe and sanc,”—if this phrase had not become trite among us, we should like to apply it to this discussion of the Scriptural view of intoxicating beverages and their consumption, by the Rector of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church at Newark, N. J. Everywhere the author carefully collects and groups the Scripture evidence or the historical facts that he needs for setting forth the various parts of his investigation, and sets them forth with exemplary patience and splendid calmness. The chapter on the Temperance Movement we consider especially fair. As to the attitude of the Lutheran Church (p. 195) on the subject of Temperance and temperance, a succinct and exhaustive statement was lately given in *What the Evangelical Lutheran Church Stands For*,” by Prof. Graebner, to this effect:—

PROHIBITION.—We hold that the Temperance movement, in so far as it aims at changes in the statutes governing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor, ought to be treated as a political, social, and economic, and not a religious issue, properly speaking. We hold that both the supporters and the opponents of this movement, inasmuch as it is a political issue, ought to be guided purely by considerations of public welfare. As Lutherans we shall oppose the enactment of laws which prohibit the use of fermented wine in the Sacrament. As Lutherans we reject (because contrary to Scripture) the doctrine that the use of liquor as a beverage is in itself a sin. The Lutheran Church recognizes the gravity of the evils connected with the liquor traffic, but does not as a Church presume to interfere in a matter which as a political issue purely concerns the State. For the Church, its duty in the matter ends when it teaches the sinfulness of the misuse of liquor, and through the sanctifying power of the Gospel strengthens its members against the temptations that lurk in the use of alcoholic drink.

Fleming H. Revell, New York:—

JOHN HUS, THE MARTYR OF BOHEMIA. By W. N. Schwarze,
Ph. D. Illustrated. 152 pages. 75 cts.

The Professor of Church History in the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa., offers, in this volume, a popular sketch of the Czech confessor for some of the fundamental truths of Protestantism that embodies the principal known facts of his life, and sets them forth in animated narrative. Hus is here represented as the spiritual father of the Moravian Brethren, the *Unitas Fratrum*, which we consider a correct estimate of his character and work.

G. P. Clarke, Alton, Ill.:—

THE MAKING OF CHRISTIANITY. An Exhibit of Hebrew and Christian Messianic Apocalyptic Philosophy and Literature.
By John C. C. Clarke, D. D. 423 pages. \$1.25.

By comparing cognate terms and phrases in Revelation, the author justifies an attempt to divide the contents of the last book in our Bible so as to make chaps. 4 to 22, 5 agree with the seven

letters in chaps. 2 and 3 in the subject-matters treated. The collation helps him "to disclose how much of the matter is St. John's own rhetoric, and how much is from other sources." The author holds that the Apocalypse "reproduces and perfects" the "Apocalyptical System" of the Old Testament writers and of Judaism in general. The whole Bible in both Testaments, according to his view, is permeated with apocalyptical ideas of very old origin, which are being gradually unfolded, and which are not to be understood as prophetic, but as symbolizing truths and principles. The author, accordingly, is out of accord with the exegetical labors that have been expended hitherto on such writings as Daniel in the Old and Revelation in the New Testament.

WAR ECHOES, or, Germany and Austria in the Crisis. Excellent illustrations and maps, etc. By *George William Hau*, A. M. 352 pages. \$2.00. To be had of Geo. Knoop, 3428 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo., or of Concordia Publ. House, St. Louis, Mo.

This is, in the main, a scrap-book of literary material, which the editor has collected from many sources, on the cause of the Teutonic Allies in the present war in Europe. Important and illuminating articles that deserve being preserved are here offered, *e. g.*, James O'Donnell Bennet's *Light on the German Spirit and Denial of German Cruelty*; Dr. John W. Burgess's *Causes of the European Conflict and Defense of Germany*; Herman Ridder's *Russian Orange Paper and The War and America*; Horace L. Brand's *Germany's Declaration and Our Country's Position*; Dr. Hugo Muensterberg's *Emperor William the Man and Morals of the War*; Hon. Peter S. Grosscup's *Appeal for a Fair Judgment*; Dr. Kuno Franke's *Germany's Fateful Hour*; Dr. Geo. Stuart Fullerton's *Significance of German Militarism*; Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler's *Germany's Place in the Sun*; Dr. Herbert Sanborn's *What the Teuton Defends*; Dr. Alfred E. Meyer's *Germany's Enemies*; Raymond E. Swing's *Germany Forced into the War*; Dr. Julius Goebel's *The German-American and the President's Neutrality Declaration and Bismarck on the Purpose and Policy of the German Empire*; Dr. Geo. L. Scherger's *What Would Bismarck Say?* and *Evolution of the German Empire*; Count J. H. von Bernstorff's *Germany and the Great War*; Dr. Paul Carus's *Lessons of the War and Pan Slavism*; Dr. Bernhard Dernburg's *Germany and England Real Issue* and Dr. Eliot's *Anti-German Terrors*; Prof. James G. McDonald's *German "Atrocities" and International Law*; Herbert Corey's *British Censors Forge Dispatches*; Dr. James Westfall Thompson's *Russian Diplomacy and the War*; Dr. Ferd. Schevill's *Germany and the Peace of Europe*; Chas. Tower's *Germany of To-Day*; Dr. C. R. Henderson's *Duty of Preparedness*; Jos. Medill Patterson's *German Race Wars for Life*. Besides collecting the material, the work of the editor on this volume embraces collating and grouping of material and the insertion of notes. Very many brief newspaper clippings, news items, and editorial utterances have been embodied in this symposium. The size of the book is 11×8 inches, and there are three columns of print to the page. A fairly exhaustive index of seven pages facilitates the

finding of particular facts in the abundance of interesting material that has been gathered into this volume, which has been fitly named "War Echoes."

In the *HIBBERT JOURNAL* for April (Sherman, French & Co., Boston) Prof. Bergson, of Paris, writes on *Life and Matter at War*; L. J. Jacks, of Oxford, on *The Tyranny of Mere Things*; Evelyn Underhill, of London, on *Problems of Conflict*; Prof. Percy Gardner, of Oxford, and Rev. A. W. F. —, of Nottingham, on German "Kultur"; Count Hermann Keyserling, on *The Meaning of the War*; Maude Egerton King, of Sandhouse, Godalming, on *Gothic Ruin*; E. F. Carritt, of Oxford, on *Treitschke and Hegel* ("Shall We Serve God for Naught?"); M. W. Robieson, of Belfast, on *German Socialist Theory and War*; J. M. Sloan, of London, on *Carlyle's Germans*, etc. The European War, its causes, meaning, possible effects, are discussed in these articles, most strikingly, we think, in Count Keyserling's article.

Deichertsche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Leipzig:—

1. *DER ERSTE UND ZWEITE PETRUSBRIEF UND DER JUDASBRIEF*, ausgelegt von Dr. G. Wohlenberg. LV and 334 pages. M. 9.50.

This is the fifteenth volume in Zahn's *Commentary to the New Testament*, for which the author of the present volume is one of the associate editors. Nothing need be said to our readers regarding the excellent workmanship that is being expended on Zahn's *Commentaries*. They are standards in the department of New Testament exegesis. Not only is the actual exposition a painstaking, thorough, and well-balanced process in every volume that has so far appeared; not only is the wealth of learning laid down in footnotes and references a magnificent stimulus for further study; but the masterly introductions written for each book of the Bible that is being treated in this series are marvels of compactness and lucidity. In the present volume we were particularly interested in the author's explanation of 1 Pet. 1, 2 and 2, 19, 20. In the former passage we could wish to see the force of the preposition *ἐξ* in connection with *ἰπακοῆν* and *ἐκλεκτοῖς* brought out more fully; in the latter passage the author's claim that *κηρύσσω* always means "Heilspredigt" when Christ is the subject of the verb does not satisfy, nor does the entire exegesis resulting from this view. — The logical divisions of the contents of the book, which have resulted from the author's penetrating study, deserve special mention. To glance over the Table of Contents is in itself an introduction to, and explanation of, the book.

2. *KIRCHE, VOLK UND STAAT*, vom Standpunkt der evangelischen Kirche aus betrachtet. Von Lic. theol. Konrad Meyer. 54 pages. M. 1.50.

This brochure, which was written before the opening of the European war, may find this terrible international catastrophe a blessing: as the war has had a sobering effect on men, and led many who have been counted with the churchless and indifferent masses to a new estimate of the value of the Christian religion in general, thoughtful minds will be led particularly to a question which

should have been settled by evangelical Germany long ago: the separation of Church and State, which the author advocates in a determined fashion, yet with a discreet recognition of the attending difficulties arising against a rupture of time-honored bonds that could not be effected without a convulsion.

3. *DIE CHRISTLICHE WAHRHEITSGEWISSHEIT*; ihr letzter Grund und ihre Entstehung. Von Dr. L. Ihmels. Dritte, erweiterte und verbesserte Auflage. VIII and 352 pages. M. 7.50.

This dogmatical treatise, which has for some time engrossed the thought of the Protestant theologians, is out in a third, enlarged edition. The arrangement of the contents and the main divisions remain unchanged. The First Part is historical, and recounts the dogmatical standpoints occupied by Protestant theologians, from Luther to the historical school of to-day, on the basic principle how the assurance of truth in religion is obtained. Six epochs are noted: 1. Luther; 2. the old Lutheran dogmaticians; 3. from the age of Pietism to that of Supranaturalism; 4. Frank; 5. Heumann; 6. the historical school. The two first of these epochs we reserve for a more detailed and critical review later in another part of this periodical. The Second Part presents, in a series of six connected chapters, the author's view of the ultimate reason for assurance and its origin. To state the matter briefly, the individual Christian becomes assured of the truth by reflecting on the soteriological experiences which lie at the base of his existence as a Christian. As these experiences are not the product of his intellect or will, but wrought in him by the faith-creating activity of the Holy Spirit, so the assurance that what the Christian has grasped to the end of his salvation is truth, is a divinely-wrought assurance by the same Spirit. The Christian cannot effect this assurance in himself by means which he furnishes himself. He must abide the working of the Spirit, who moves whithersoever He lists, and when His operation reaches the individual soul, all depends on the disposition of that soul to permit the Spirit to open up for it a way by which it can perceive the divine self-attestation. True, the author mentions as a means of the Spirit's operation the Word, but he perplexes the reader by the statement on p. 350 that the "normal" process by which assurance of truth is wrought by the Spirit is the same as that in which the Spirit works assurance of salvation in a baptized infant. We have also been reminded of a remark in the author's "Zentralfragen" that is cognate to the matter in hand, *viz.*, that the origin of faith to-day must be explained in the same manner as in the days of our Lord's visible conversation on earth: it is due to a person's entire religious environment; it is not necessarily from the Word; in fact, it would be erroneous to hold that it must be. Such views, of course, depreciate the objective reality of the written Word of God as a source of Christian assurance, and come under the stricture of the Smalcald Articles. Altogether the distinction between assurance of salvation (*Heilsgewissheit*) and assurance of truth (*Wahrheitsgewissheit*) seems inane; for assurance of salvation implies, if it does not postulate as a logical *præsuppositum*, assurance of truth, at least of the one truth of salvation. Or does the author's remark about the "normal"

process, noted above, and another remark, on p. 334, that a child cannot be induced without cruelty to reflect on the foundation of its assurance, — do these statements mean that an assurance of salvation can exist in any instance without an assurance of truth? There is here an annoying obscurity and a plain tendency to divorce the believer's assurance from the written Word of Scripture, making it dependent on the sovereign will of the Spirit, who can work by parental authority, religious environment, etc.

4. *DIE THEOLOGIE DER GEGENWART*. IX. Jahrg. Heft 1: "Systematische Theologie" von Prof. Dr. R. H. Gruetzmacher in Erlangen. Mit einem Anhang: "Nordische Theologie" von Oberlehrer C. Dymling, Sundsvall, Nordschweden. 52 pages. M. 3.50 per annum.

A. Deichertsche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Leipzig, sends us Vol. VIII, No. 6, and Vol. IX, No. 1, of *DIE THEOLOGIE DER GEGENWART*. The former issue contains Prof. Dr. G. Wohlenberg's review of literature on the New Testament, the latter Prof. Dr. Gruetzmacher's review of publications on Systematic Theology, with an appendix by Prof. C. Dymling on Norse Theology.

From the same publisher we have received the following issues of *NEUE KIRCHLICHE ZEITSCHRIFT*: Vol. XXV, No. 12, containing Wohlenberg, The New Testament and War, Luetgert, Penitential Preaching, and commemorative reviews by Dr. Bezzel in memory of Buchrucker, Burger, and Kohl, and by Dr. Gruetzmacher in memory of Frank. The number of this volume containing the indexes is a very elaborate one. Vol. XXVI, No. 1, contains a Salutatory by Engelhardt; Bezzel, In Serious Times; Althaus, Our Confession as Regards the Importance of the Death of Jesus for Our Salvation; Jordan, Church History as a Theological Science; Jelke, The Most Recent Construction of a Christian, Religious Knowledge of God. No. 2 contains: Dunkmann, Tasks Devolving upon Theology in Consequence of the War; Pollitt, The Prussian Order of Service for the Main Service; Caspari, Home and Domestic Affairs of the Prophet Hosea.

Edwin Runge, Berlin-Lichterfelde: —

ERDBESTATTUNG ODER FEUERBESTATTUNG? Der biblische Brauch auf ethnographischem Hintergrund. Von Prof. Dr. Wilh. Caspari. (Erlangen.) 48 pages. 60 Pf.

Noting only the main result of our perusal of this brochure, the author advocates interment as the form of burial which comports with the Christian belief in a future resurrection. D.

NOTE. — In the article on "Luther's Relation to Hus" in our last issue, p. 146, there is an error, to which Rev. Verwiebe has called our attention, and that is due to hasty work: the Eck who opposed Luther at Worms, and the Eck who opposed him at Leipzig are two different personages. The error is best corrected by inserting after the words "pitted against" the words: a namesake of, and at the end of the clause, after the words "Dr. Eck," the words: of Treves. D.