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and straightforward, rising here and there, in the treatment of the greatest names, to the heights of a noble eloquence. One could wish, indeed, that relatively more space had been given to the preachers of the highest distinction and the widest influence, since it is for the facts in regard to them and their work, rather than for the general historical information so largely connected with the more obscure names, that most readers will wish to consult this book. Something would have been lost, no doubt, in thoroughness and completeness, but the more suggestive mode of treatment would doubtless have yielded an even more instructive account of the various types of preaching that flourished in these three centuries.

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Suggestions for the Spiritual Life. College Chapel Talks. By GEORGE LANSING RAYMOND, Professor of Oratory, Williams College, 1875-1881; of Oratory and Esthetic Criticism, Princeton, 1880-1893; of Esthetics, Princeton, 1893-1905; of Esthetics, George Washington, 1905-1911. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company. 1912. Indexed, cloth bound, gold tops. 8vo; pp. 337. \$1.40 net.

All but the last two of these twenty-one sermons, we are informed in the Preface, were originally prepared for the church in Darby, Pa., of which the author was pastor before he entered upon his professorial career. Most of them were subsequently delivered substantially in their present form, to the students at Williams College and Princeton University. The method and aim of the discourses is fairly indicated by what Dr. Raymond says concerning his use of the term "Suggestions" in the title. "Faith," he affirms, "is an attitude of mind that has its source not merely in conscious intellection, but also in those subconscious tendencies of feeling and will which are particularly connected, though no one, perhaps, can satisfactorily explain how or why, with the spiritual nature. Philosophers, as a rule, recognize that the most effective way of influencing these tendencies is through using what is termed suggestion—in other words not through information or argument, nor, as applied to religious truth, through traditional or dogmatic appeals. These sometimes reach the conscious understanding only; and, at other times, if they affect feeling and will, they do so mainly by way of exciting more or less opposition."

The themes discussed are exceedingly varied. The style is penetrating, vital, interesting, and practical—truly "suggestive" in both the positive and the negative senses in which he has described this term. The psychological and philosophical elements so freely introduced into the discussion give these sermons a peculiar idealistic cast which adds great freshness, force and beauty to their prevalingly biblical character. Rich in thought, full of fine Christian sentiment, abounding in felicitous illustrations from nature and literature and human experience, and everywhere in touch with the spiritual life they seek

to promote, especially in young manhood,—these “Talks” are well adapted to minister to the religious needs of inquiring and thoughtful readers. As a student who had the pleasure of hearing a stimulating course of lectures by the author in a different yet related field of study, the writer expresses the hope that these sermons, which have had vitality enough to prove their serviceableness through four decades of use among college men, may now, in their printed form, have even a wider and longer range of influence for the cultivation of the spiritual life.

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Sermons on the Epistles of the Ecclesiastical Year. By HENRY SIECK, Lutheran Pastor, St. Louis, Mo.; Concordia Publishing House, 1912. 8vo; pp. ix, 385. \$1.50 postpaid.

The volume contains sixty-five sermons, covering the festal days as well as the Sundays of the ecclesiastical year. The discourses are always well analyzed and generally have a decidedly expository character. In one respect many modern hearers and readers of sermons will regard these specimens as quite ideal—their brevity. But they have other decided merits, due to their fidelity in the handling of the texts and to their simple, clear, and direct style.

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Katechismuspredigten über das erste und zweite Hauptstück. Katechismuspredigten über das dritte, vierte und fünfte Hauptstück. Von C. C. SCHMIDT, Pastor an der ev.=luth. Gemeinde zum heiligen Kreuz in St. Louis, Mo. St. Louis, Mo.: Concordia Publishing House. Two volumes in one, 6 x 9 inches; pp. vi, 273 and 136. Vol. I dated 1905; Vol. II, not dated. \$2.

After two introductory sermons on Holy Scripture, the first of these two volumes devotes forty-nine sermons to the Decalogue and the Apostles' Creed, while the second devotes twenty-two sermons to the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, the Power of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Most of the discourses were specially prepared by the pastor for catechetical instruction at his own afternoon service. But because the three discussions concerning the Lord's Supper were not in the first instance used as expositions of the Catechism, the title of the second volume makes no reference to this “sixth main division.”

The sermons are well adapted to their purpose. They are the work of a man who is “apt to teach”, if one may judge from the skill displayed in the analysis and arrangement of the biblical and confessional material and from the rhetorical form in which these lessons are set forth.

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The Man with a Conscience. By CHARLES ROADS, Author of “Abnormal Christian, Rural Christendom,” etc. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. 1912. 8vo; pp. xiv, 233.