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**The Fact of Christ: A Series of Lectures**, by P. Carnegie Simpson, M.A., Renfield Church, Glasgow. **Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.** Cloth, 188 pages, \$1.25.

It seems in this age harder than ever to believe in the supernatural. Why it should be so, it is difficult to say, for fresh discoveries in science only serve to open up deeper mysteries than before, mysteries that are unsolvable unless there be a God behind in the darkness. Any earnest attempt to bring the distant near, to interpret God to men, should be welcomed; and especially valuable is such an open-eyed, keen piece of work as that of Mr. Carnegie Simpson. It commends itself to plain people, in that its language is simplicity itself, whilst its richness of quotation and allusion reveal the amplest mastery of the literature of the field. "The Fact of Christ" is an apologetic. It is an endeavor to bring the honest doubter, not merely to the Christian faith, but to a Christian life. The point of view is the great undeniable fact of the historical Christ. "'Whom say ye that I am?' 'I am the truth.' 'Come unto Me.' Here are the data of Christianity. They are in an historical person, a fact as available as any other fact." The development is masterly, and the doubter is carried forward step by step, by what seems a course of irresistible reasoning, to Christ—the sinless One, and there-

fore the Divine—as the exemplification of and the motive-power to holiness of life, as the object of faith, and the author of forgiveness. In a book of this sort there is much that is necessarily left unsaid. It is not an exposition of what Christ teaches concerning Himself or of what the writers of Scripture declare of Him. It is rather a setting forth of what the candid searcher after truth discovers, as he is brought face to face with the Man Christ Jesus, as the Gospels reveal Him. But, so far as it goes, it leaves little to be desired. Its view of Christ and what it is to be a Christian, is adequate, and, unless we are mistaken, it will open a gateway to many a perplexed and earnest soul entangled in false philosophies, or striving in vain to get a real grip of the unseen God, without whom he feels his spirit can never be at rest.

**Reuben Dalton, Preacher: A Sequel to The Story of Marthy.** By S. O'H. Dickson. Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va. 296 pages, \$1.00.

This is a story of "the mountain whites," that sadly interesting people who, for the most part originally of Scotch-Irish descent, were driven to the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky some generations ago by the unequal competition of slave labor, and whom the great wave of industry and progress have passed by, leaving them untouched. How the Gospel wrought among them, even amongst the most unlikely, and how

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