

AMONG THE BOOKS

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A distinctly readable and enlightening book is *Inside the Russian Revolution*, by Rheta Childe Dorr (The Macmillan Co., New York, and Toronto, 243 pages, \$1.50). Here we get some real insight into what is actually going on in Russia through a recital of incident after incident which came under the author's vision when she visited Russia as late as 1917. While stoutly urging Russia's need for sympathy and help to grip herself, the author is under no delusions as to the terrible ordeals through which Russia is likely to pass before she finally attains true freedom. Indeed the purpose of the book is just to present some adequate idea of the anarchistic as well as constructive forces with which any nation that is going to stand by Russia must reckon. The author went to Russia, which she calls "Topsy-Turvy Land," an ardent socialist. While the visit by no means changed her principles, she came home "with the clear conviction that the world will have to wait a while before it can establish any cooperative millennium, or before it can safely hand over the work of government to the man on the street." The lesson of the book for America is,—"Beginning with the youngest children, we must contrive for all children a system of education which will create in the coming generation a thinking working class, one which will accept the responsibility as well as demand power, and into whose hands we can safely confide authority and destiny."

Should a consistent Christian take the sword against Germany? Those who are disturbed by such a question will find help in *Militant America and Jesus Christ*, by Abraham Mitria Rihbany (Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston and New York, Thos. Allen, Toronto, 73 pages, 65c.). Mr. Rihbany, who is a Syrian by birth, and an American minister of the gospel by choice, interprets the sayings and actions of Jesus which have direct bearing upon a man's attitude to the War. As one who knows the East, its manners and forms of speech, he is able to clear up some things about Jesus' life and work which are a mystery to the average Western reader. This little book constitutes a Christian call to the young men of America to overthrow the armies of oppression, and it contains a word of consolation to those whose loved ones have given all to prosecute the War against Germany.

Every one who wishes to keep abreast of the modern trend of religious thought and effort, will find a fresh interpretation in *A Theology for the Social Gospel*, by Walter Rauschenbusch (The Macmillan Co., New York and Toronto, 279 pages, \$1.50). The author himself says that his main purpose in this book, "has been to show that the social gospel is a vital part of the Christian conception of sin and salvation, and that any teaching on the sinful condition of the race and on its redemption from evil which fails to do justice to the social factors and processes in sin and redemption, must be incomplete, unreal, and misleading. Also, since the social gospel henceforth is to be an important part of our Christian message, its chief convictions must be embodied in these doctrines in some organic form." In other words, the author seeks to present a doctrinal basis for the present day effort to better social conditions. While sympathetic with old statements of Christian doctrine, he unhesitatingly shows their insufficiency for this age. While highly valuing such precious heritage as our beliefs about sin, atonement, inspiration, baptism, the Lord's Supper, he indicates how these may be reinterpreted in light of the social message of to-day, when autocracies and capitalism are being weighed in the balance. The book represents a timely effort to put the power of religion into modern schemes of promoting social righteousness. While the reader wonders whether the author had properly understood the War and its issues, he will at least find the volume serviceable in view of the undoubted change that is coming into the life of democracy.

The Path of Glory, by Joseph Hocking (Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto, 315 pages, 75c.). Victor, brought up in England as the son of a retired British admiral, learns of his real father, an Armenian liberator. Fired by an enthusiasm for the cause of his homeland he goes to Armenia to rescue his relatives and to help against the Germans and Turks. Adventure follows adventure, in which over and over again Victor barely escapes death at the hands of his pursuing enemies. Twice he helps the Russian armies,—the second time by taking them the plans of the fortress of Erzerum, in the capture of which he takes part. The destiny of a beautiful girl is entwined with that of the hero. Some idea is