Which?

The two kinds of people on earth I mean Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses

always divided in just these two Are classes

And oddly enough you will find, too, I There is only one lifter to twenty who

In which class are you? Are you easing

the load Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road ?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care?

Book Reviews.

"History of the Deaconess Movement in the Christian Church." By Rev. C. Golder, Ph.D. With 200 illustrations. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 614. Price, \$1.75.

Some time since we had the pleasure of reviewing the German edition of this book. We have now equal pleasure in calling attention to the excellent translation into English. It is the most comprehensive history of the deaconess movement in all lands with which we are acquainted. It traces the history of deaconesses in the Apostolic Church, and in more recent times. It devotes a special chapter to the new deaconess movement begun in Kaiserswerth, Westphalia, and its subsequent development both in the State and Free Churches of Germany and other European countries, in England and Scotland. It specially traces its marvellous development in the Methodist Episcopal and other churches in the United States. It gives also contributions on this important subject by German and English writers, including Bishops Thoburn and Fowler. It sets forth the ritual and constitution of the organization, and gives elaborate statistics of its growth in all lands.

It is a significant fact that in 1901 there were seventy-five Mother Houses in many lands-Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Denmark, and two in the United States, together with many "Daughter Houses." The book is an example of thorough-going German exactness and diligent research. It has over

two hundred illustrations, including portraits and pictures of the Deaconess Homes, hospitals, and other institutions in the United States and other lands, including buildings in Alexandria, Smyrna, Cairo, many of them stately and beautiful buildings. This large and handsome volume is issued from the Methodist press, Cincinnati, in the German tongue. German Methodism is a very important factor in the religious life of the United It maintains a vigorous weekly organ, Sunday School literature, and a handsome illustrated magazine, "Haus und Herd." We are astonished at the department of German books in the Cincinnati house, and their large sales.

"Beyond Death." By Hugh Johnston, D.D. New York : Eaton & Mains. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. ronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

Very many friends in Canada of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston, we are sure, will read with great delight and profit this most important book which has proceeded from his pen. It is the result of years of thought and study and preaching on the greatest problems of human life and destiny. "Though in the whirr and dust of a transition period," says Dr. Johnston, "our age is entering with earnestness and intensity into the study of eschatology, and some of the views presented are startling and disconcerting. There is a general tendency," he says. "towards extreme latitudinarianism. A new theology is growing into form, and some are predicting an entire reconstruction of the present teaching of last things."

The writer believes that "the long-held Credenda of our holy faith can be relatively and conservatively maintained amid the fierce light of critical and scholarly research." It is to such defence that he sets himself. He discusses the doctrine of immortality, as set forth in the Old Testament and the New, and the teaching of Scripture as to the consummation of Christ's kingdom, of the second advent of our Lord as opposed to the literal chiliasm which seems born of spiritual pessimism. The sublime subject of the resurrection, the end of the world, the general judgment, the eternal destiny of the righteous and the wicked, are treated with reverence, with tenderness, with fidelity. He vigorously combats the dictum of the late Dean Farrar :

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