

THE BOOK PAGE

A book has just been issued which is likely to take its place as the standard textbook on Christian theology. It is **The Christian Faith**: A System of Dogmatics, by Theodore Haering, D.D. (Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto, 2 volumes, 952 pages, \$6.00). Dr. Haering is Professor of Theology in the University of Tubingen, Germany, and the present book is a translation from the second German edition. The work of translation has been admirably done by Professor John Dickie, of Knox College, Dunedin, and George Ferries, D.D. It is a book for the student, a book which demands careful attention. And the preacher who comes to it first of all as a student will find it full of suggestion, especially in such sections, for example, as those dealing with the fatherhood of God and with God's providence. But the book is much more than a systematic exposition of the Christian faith, it is a convincing defence of that faith to be recommended to the man who is perplexed by doubt. The author continually takes cognizance of what is called the "modern mind," and the necessity of restating the unchanging gospel of Christ in forms which will be intelligible to men to-day.

A book of unusual importance is **Jesus in the Nineteenth Century and Afterward**, by Heinrich Weinel, D.D., Professor of Theology at the University of Jena, and Allan G. Widgey, M.A. (T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh, U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 458 pages, \$3.25). The volume is based on Dr. Weinel's *Jesus in the Nineteenth Century*, and "its scope has been widened by consideration of English, American and French life and thought, and of one Italian thinker, Mazzini." The scope of the

work is indicated by the chapter headings: *The Dawn of the Century*; *Scientific Research on the Life of Jesus*; *Jesus as the Preacher of a Liberal Idea of Reform*; *Jesus in the Light of the Social Question*; *Jesus in View of the Problem of Civilization and Culture as the Preacher of a Buddhistic Self-Redemption*; *Jesus and the Religious Question of the Present Time*; *In the New Century*. All the famous thinkers and writers of the last, and the opening years of the present, century, on religious subjects appear in these pages, and the central place of Jesus is clearly shown and amply vindicated in the light of all that they have said and written. The same Canadian publishers send us a copy of the third edition of **Purpose in Prayer**, by E. M. Bounds (Marshall Brothers, London, 160 pages, 75c. net), which can be cordially recommended to all earnest souls who seek for increased effectiveness in prayer.

The Fortunate Youth, by William J. Locke (John Lane, London, Bell and Cockburn, Toronto, 352 pages, \$1.35), is an altogether delightful tale. Its hero was fortunate indeed. Good luck simply pursued him, and he attracted friends to himself as the magnet draws the steel. Nor was all this to be greatly wondered at, since, along with extraordinary beauty, he had delightful manners, a charming personality, genuine ability and a truly noble character. Hardships he had to pass through, but it was through these that there came into his life its best friendships. Even the tragedy that threatened to ruin his career not only gave him the opportunity of acting like a high minded gentleman, but left him the richer by half a million dollars. The

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