

The Story of the New Testament, by Edgar J. Goodspeed, Professor of Biblical and Patristic Greek in the University of Chicago (The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Illinois, 150 pages, \$1.00 net), is the work of a thorough and up-to-date scholar; but it is a book which plain people can read with interest and profit. It takes up, in successive chapters, the books of the New Testament, one by one, in the order of their writing, and tells, in an easy, simple style, the situation which called them forth and the way in which each book or letter sought to meet the special situation with which it dealt. The author reminds us, in his preface, "that Christianity did not spring from the New Testament, but the New Testament from Christianity," and that really to understand the books of the New Testament we must put ourselves in the circumstances of those to whom they were written. This little volume will be a valuable help to intelligent laymen and young people in presenting to them the background of the books dealt with and thus bring home to them the individuality and vital interest of these sacred writings. Suggestions for study are appended to each chapter, and sufficient bibliographies are found at the end of the book.

Apocalyptic Problems is the challenging title of a volume by the Very Rev. H. Erskine Hill, M.A., Provost of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen (Hodder & Stoughton, London and Toronto, 275 pages, \$1.50). Many questions have been raised about the "Second Coming" of Christ, but Provost Hill startles his readers by asking: "What is the First Coming of Christ?" His conclusion is, that the "First Coming" does not

date from our Lord's birth in Bethlehem, but did not take place until after the crucifixion. A further conclusion is, many allusions, which refer to the "Second Coming" really refer to the post-crucifixion "First Coming," with much resulting confusion. For the rest, the book is an original and suggestive discussion of various problems connected with the Book of Revelation.

Household Accounting and Economics, by William A. Sheaffer, Ph.B. (The Macmillan Company of Canada, 158 pages, 65c.), will be found of very practical assistance in conducting a home in an efficient way. Simple forms are given for keeping household and personal accounts, and the principles underlying the right division of the income for food, clothing, rent, etc., are explained. In addition, there are chapters on Insurance, on Legal Points Every Woman Should Know, and other matters important to the woman who manages even the smallest household.

The Mistress of All Work (S. B. Gundy, Toronto, 146 pages, 35c. net) is a charming, and likely to be useful, little volume on housekeeping and housework, intended especially for the professional or business woman who does her housekeeping in a flat or apartment. The writer is an idealist, and seeks to show how housekeeping may be a great joy, but she is hard-headed and practical as well, as the chapters on Floors, Walls, Sitting Room and Bed Room, Bath Room, Kitchen, etc., Cooking, Clothes, give evidence. The Mistress of All Work will be found interesting reading to all housekeepers, as well as to those for whom it is primarily intended.

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