

## THE BOOK PAGE

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**The Church's One Foundation.** By the Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll, M.A., LL.D., Fleming H. Revell Company, 227 pages; Price \$1.25.

"There is in the Bible above all the personal Christ, a Personality which men could not have imagined, a Personality which must be historical, and which must be Divine." This sentence, quoted from Professor Robertson Smith stands as a motto for the book before us and indicates its aim. It is a republication of leading articles from the British Weekly, carefully revised with additional notes and references. The author tells us that he has written for the plain man and not for experts. He has stated in language free from the technical terms of the schools, the reasons for belief in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, who died for our offences and rose again for our justification. After two introductory chapters, the topics dealt with are (1) The Historical Christ; (2) The Risen and Exalted Christ; (3) The Ideal Christ. The scope of the discussion under the first head may be indicated by the author's fine words on page 109: "The earnest bewildered inquirer should lay aside every book until he has in some degree mastered the four Gospels. If he is sincere and patient he will, we believe, see in the end that the history is a true history, and that Christ is the only Saviour." Under

the second head, the evidence for the Resurrection of Christ is stated with great force and clearness. It is shown conclusively that those who deny this "crowning miracle" of Christianity land themselves in absurdities. The third position maintained is, that the lives of believers prove "that the personal presence of Christ with a soul is no delusion, no dream." One can hardly read this little book, without having his faith in the great virtues of our holy religion deepened and strengthened.

**The Boy Problem: A Study in Social Pedagogy.** By William Byron Forbush. The Pilgrim Press, Boston; 194 pages, price 75c.

"I welcome this little study," says Stanley Hall, in his Preface to "The Boy Problem," "render thanks to the author that he has presented here in meaty and compact form what many would have expanded, and am glad of an opportunity to heartily commend it to all lovers of boys." The book is, as its title imports, a study in social pedagogy, its chief purpose being to tell what boys have done and may do for themselves and one another by their own organization, and what may be done for them by organizations framed for them by older people. But its chief interest is that it shows a thorough knowledge, at first hand, of boys good and not so good, and abounds in suggestions for dealing with them. The Sunday School and the Society of Christian Endeavor come in for some sharp, but perhaps not unfair, criticism. The working of Boys' Clubs is explained, and a digest is given of the recent literature of the Child-Study of Adolescence. The list of books on child-study, extending over six



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