

spiritual, mental, or physical, as "forces." The conception of communion here given is fresh, intensely suggestive, and convincing.

"The Eternal Life." By Hugo Munsterberg. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a well written and well stated argument, which would be an excellent course in intellectual gymnastics for any young man who would like to try his power in detecting the fallacy which aims at giving consolation to a mourner, supposed to be stricken with grief, but sustained by Christian hope, over the burial of a mutual friend. The author finds the eternal life in the continuation of the results of the present life, as the contribution of the dead towards the progress of the race. "A personality which has found complete satisfaction of its aims has no possible further intention, and it would be meaningless to attach to it externally a supplement of individual existence." But what about the personality that feels that this life has only given the training of an apprenticeship for real service? The author has not apprehended the Pauline idea that Christ "has abolished death, and brought life and enduringness to light." C. S. E.

"An Introduction to the Study of Christian Ethics." By A. Ernest Balch, M.A. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is the twenty-ninth volume of a most excellent set of "Books for Bible Students," written from the Methodist standpoint, mostly up-to-date in modern scholarship in Biblical criticism, and published by the Wesleyan Methodist Book Room in England. They are published at the uniform price of 2s. 6d., and, as they can be had through our own Book Room, they should be in the hands of all our young preachers and educated lay workers. This volume is a most excellent treatment of Christian Ethics, in so far as it takes the usual material of ethical subjects from the ordinary Christian point of view, as centred in Christ, and then extended into the realms covered by modern Methodist thought. The author starts with the fundamental idea of the Kingdom of God on earth as the arena for the ethical development of man and keeps true to the conceptions of Methodist theology.

"The Harvest of the Sea." A Tale of Both Sides of the Atlantic. By Wilfrid T. Grenfell. Illustrated. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. 162. Price, \$1.00 net.

In this book Dr. Grenfell himself presents in a vivid story, or rather two of them, an account of the adventures and perils of the deep-sea fishermen's life in the North Sea and on the Labrador. It was these North Sea fishermen whom the valiant Russian admiral assailed with his colossal fleet, sinking some of their boats and killing and maiming some of the men. So great was popular sympathy for these brave men that in a few weeks more money was contributed to the deep-sea mission than in years before. These two books give a very vivid idea of the perils in reaping the harvest of the sea and the efforts made to provide for the physical and moral succor of these brave fishermen.

"The Times of Christ." By Lewis A. Muirhead, B.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 179.

Such a book as this cannot fail to give a clearer conception of the conditions of our Lord's ministry and of its special message to the age in which He lived, and to all the ages. Part First is devoted to the Herods and the Romans in Palestine, Part Second to the social conditions, daily life, the government and language of the people, Part Third to the religious life of the Jews in the time of our Lord, the Sadducees, Scribes, Pharisees, Synagogue, the Messianic Hope—a book of very great value to the Bible student.

"The Divine Opportunity." Sermons preached by F. B. Stockdale. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 136. Price, 50 cents net.

This is another of the series of sermons for the times, issued by the Methodist Book Concern. While books of devotion may have a smaller sale than formerly, yet books of exposition and Bible study have a much larger sale. We think this speaks well for the growing intelligence and piety of the church. The book rings with the old message of salvation from sin. The author is described as a seer, a herald, a messenger. Some of the sermons were preached before the preachers at Conference, and have a message of power to their readers.