

the moon were shining for one life alone, while in fact he knows that its comprehensive radiation is for him, and for the joy and guidance of a world besides." The following chapter discusses, in the same finished way, *The Social Principles of the Teaching of Jesus*. The four chapters following discuss his teaching with regard to the Family, the Rich, the care of the Poor and concerning the Industrial Order. The closing chapter is a summary reflection on the general relations and correlation of the social question. Of theology in the strict sense there is little or none in the book, but of Christianity and of Christianity in its redemptive power and vitality, a great deal. Readers who objected to Dr. Young's study of Jesus as a Man, or put Professor Seelye's "Ecce Homo" in the same class, may be in danger of starting off the track with Professor Peabody's book. But the farther they get into it and the more its sweet Christian atmosphere descends upon him, the more the divine incarnation in the Christian humanity of the book will come out.

JESUS CHRIST AND THE SOCIAL QUESTION. An Examination of the Teaching of Jesus in its Relation to Some of the Problems of Modern Social Life. By Francis Greenwood Peabody, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in Harvard University. The Macmillan Company. \$1.50.

This is a book of a very uncommon order of merit and which cannot well be praised too highly. The fundamental thought which runs through its chapters is that Christianity is not a social institution or organization, and that it is not moving toward such a distinction, however perfect or divine, but that it is a life or power of life and as such organic of all social good, or of all good in social life. The whole book is a masterpiece of finished workmanship, with its rewards for the reader rich and abundant on every page. The opening chapter on the Comprehensiveness of the Teaching is the key to the situation, which describes in strong, gentle and thoughtfully persuasive terms the "infinite flexibility, and infinite expansiveness" of the Gospel, which the author compares to a house with many chambers, in which each separate chamber seems to have all the sunshine, while the unexhausted light radiates into a million other homes. He illustrates the ability of the Gospel to illuminate each new point and problem as it arises in the social need, with a passage too fine to be omitted: "It is as if one stood at night watching the moon rise from the sea, and saw the glittering band of light which leads straight to him as though