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Dr. John Fliske's three recent essays, *The Mystery of Evil*, *The Cosmic Roots of Love and Self-sacrifice* and *The Everlasting Reality of Religion*, are grouped into a little volume entitled *Through Nature to God* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00]. They are written from the point of view of a loyal evolutionist, and exhibit the tone and temper of the more radical school of modern religious students, but they are unmistakably and emphatically contradictory of the atheistical tendency of much of this modern radicalism, and reverently and earnestly inculcate belief in God. It is worth knowing that a man of the author's religious history can write such sentences as these: "The lesson of evolution is that through all these weary ages the Human Soul has not

been cherishing in Religion a delusive phantom, but in spite of seemingly endless groping and stumbling it has been rising to the recognition of its essential kinship with the ever living God. Of all the implications of the doctrine of evolution with regard to Man, I believe the very deepest and strongest to be that which asserts the Everlasting Reality of Religion" [p. 191].

A volume of sermons much above the average in some respects is Dr. A. A. Berle's *Modern Interpretations of the Gospel Life* [Pilgrim Press. \$2 00]. They illustrate well the blending of stirring thought with practical pertinence and spiritual earnestness, which, when properly combined, make up the best sort of preaching. They are stated to have been delivered extemporaneously, and, although of course they have been revised in manuscript, they afford a good example of a superior quality of extemporaneous preaching. Not many such discourses embody so much real meat in them. They deal with New Testament biography and with themes social, political, educational, literary and romantic, and distinctively spiritual. We commend the volume heartily.

Men of the Bible [F. H. Revell Co. 30 cents] contains half a dozen addresses by Mr. Moody in his familiar, popular and practical manner. They deal with Abraham, Moses, Nehemiah, the penitent thief and others.

Five volumes by Rev. F. B. Meyer bear the title, *Our Daily Homily* [F. H. Revell Co. \$3.75 per set]. Each page is headed with a text and is filled with pious and practical observations and suggestions. In such a library of comment of course a great deal of what is suggested is most obvious, but this does not diminish greatly the practical serviceableness of the volumes and their appropriateness to all sorts of human conditions. They are tastefully printed and sold in a box.