

Editorial

"CHRISTIANITY THE FINAL RELIGION"

"CHRISTIANITY the Final Religion," by Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., and published by the Eerdmans-Svensa Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., is a series of addresses on the missionary message of the world to-day, showing that the old Gospel is the only Gospel. The title of the book is rather unfortunate. It might imply that in the development of religion, Christianity is the last final stage. There is nothing in the book to suggest this. The author evidently holds Christianity to be a divinely revealed religion and the only true religion—the knowledge, faith, worship and service of the only living and true God.

The titles of the seven chapters of the book give an accurate indication of the excellent contents of the book. In the first chapter the author deals with Christianity in its earliest expression, and shows that Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians contains every one of the fundamentals of the historic faith, and for this reason the claim that many of these fundamentals were after-thoughts is not well grounded. In the second chapter, the writer speaks of "Thinking Grey in Missions," and exposes the error of that whole tendency to combine the good in all religions, and mix man's speculation with God's Word, error with truth, in the work of missions. This is a capital treatment, worthy of wide reading. The third chapter deals with "The Solidarity of the Race." The unity of blood and spirit of the human race, and its distinct separation from all lower animals is undeniably sustained, and it erects an insuperable barrier to certain arguments for evolution. It ought also to be noted in this connection that the Apostle Paul, in declaring that "God made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth," also declares that he "set the bounds of their habitation." There is therefore no uniformity of national life in God's plan. All efforts to