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Apostolic succession has perhaps broken down; but the liberalized restatement of it, which is to be found in the writings of Duchesne and Batiffol abroad and the present Bishop of Oxford at home is at least a tenable interpretation of the evidence as viewed in the light of certain antecedent presuppositions" (p. 383). We may think it still too much to say even so much as this, and question whether the view still clung to is compatible with the facts. But we recognize the openness of mind which is manifested in the position assumed. And this, we take it, is the most encouraging feature of the volume.

We have dealt with the volume not as a collection of separate essays but as a single whole, because we are asked to do so (p. viii).

There is a good Index.

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*Groote Godsdiensten: Serie II, No. 7. Het Christendom door Dr. H. BAVINCK, Hoogleraar aan de Vrije Universiteit te Amsterdam. Baarn: Hollandia-Drukkerij. 1912. 16mo; pp. 62.*

It is no small task which Dr. Bavinck has undertaken, to tell in sixty-two small pages all that Christianity is, and that, in a series in which it is brought into comparison with other "great religions". He has fulfilled this task, however, in a most admirable manner. His method is, first, to point out what all Christians are agreed upon; and then to give an historical account of Christianity in its origins and in its progressive manifestations in the great forms of the Orthodox Eastern, the Romish, the Lutheran, Reformed Churches, with further descriptions of the forms it has taken since, in Anabaptism and Socinianism, and the New Protestantism rooted in the Enlightenment. His plan thus resolves itself into an informal sketch of the historical development of Christianity. This sketch is written with remarkable grasp of details and an equally remarkable power of synthesis. We cannot imagine how the work could be done better.

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*The Open Sore of Christendom.* By the Rev. W. J. SEXTON, M.A. Author of "Church and People". London: J. J. Bennett. 327 pp. 16°. 3s. 6d.

This book, with its needlessly unpleasant title, seeks a good end in a rather unfortunate way. We say, a good end, although this should be qualified. That it would be a desirable thing just now that the various branches of the Protestant Church should be organically one may be questioned. And the end the author has in view will seem to some far less good, when it is found that the only means of accomplishing it is the acceptance of the Historic Episcopate by all the "sects", and of supplemental ordination at the hands of a bishop of the Church of England by their ministers. Practically, the "sects" are to be merged into the Church of England and the Churches in