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*Introduction to the New Testament.* By F. GODET, D.D. Translated by William Affleck, D.D. Pp. 621. Price 12s. 6d. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark.

This delightful volume from the venerated author of the "Introduction to the Gospels" will give great satisfaction to students of the New Testament. Monsieur Godet sums up in an admirable manner the results of modern criticism, and the issue is wholly favourable to the orthodox believer.

"My desire," he says, "has been to present, with entire frankness and perfect fidelity the different opinions which have been stated on the origin of the Epistles of St. Paul, and to discuss them with a loyal impartiality. Would some desire that that impartiality on my part should have gone so far as to remain entirely neutral? Absolute neutrality can be required of him who commences the study of a question, but not of him who finishes it. 'I have believed, therefore have I spoken,' said the Psalmist. It is because a sincere examination has brought me to certain results, because these results appear to me not only true, but useful to the Church, and because I desire to impart them to all those who can exert an influence on her progress, professors or pastors, students or laymen, that I have taken up my pen. I lay it down praying that God may accompany with His Spirit all that is *of the truth* in these pages, and may use it to confirm in the hearts of my readers, and to fructify on their lips, the testimony they are called to render to the Gospel of the grace of God preached for his part by the Apostle Paul."

He has placed the Epistles of St. Paul in their chronological order, dividing them into four groups, and the arrangement almost speaks for itself.

*The House of her Prison.* By E. S. CURRY. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 128.

The writer is evidently at home among the London poor. The story is simple and true to life, and we can cordially recommend this warning on the dangers of London life to the country poor as a useful addition to the lending library or the Mothers' Meeting.

*The Great Prophecies of the Centuries Concerning Israel and the Gentiles.* By C. H. PEMBER, M.A. Hodder and Stoughton.

Some years ago Mr. Pember, widely known for that admirably suggestive work "Earth's Earliest Ages," published a volume of studies entitled "The Great Prophecies." The present work is a very considerably enlarged and revised edition of the earlier book; it is more comprehensive in scope, and somewhat modified in detail. Indeed, the additions and improvements are so numerous that more than two-thirds of the work are occupied by new matter.

Mr. Pember's prophetic views are very well known; he distinctly belongs to what is known as the Futurist School. Those principles of exposition upon which Futurists rely he adheres to as firmly in the present work as in his former books. In calling attention to this enlarged edition of a work of deep and vital interest to all students of Scripture, we would desire to emphasize our thankful appreciation of Mr. Pember's labours. We shall await with interest the two volumes he hopes to publish shortly—one on "The Great Prophecies of the Centuries Concerning the Church," a second on "The Great Prophecies of the End." Devoutness and reverent thoughtfulness are noteworthy features of all Mr. Pember's writings.

*Faith in Relation to Creed, Thought, and Life.* Three addresses by H. B. SWETE, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity, Cambridge. S.P.C.K.

In 48 pages of large type Dr. Swete has crowded an amount of clear, helpful thinking upon an important subject quite disproportionate to the amount of space occupied. The way in which the relations between faith and thought are put before the reader is in every way admirable. These three addresses exhibit a strong grasp of the difficulties raised by "modern thought."

*An Illustrative Scripture Reference Book.* By Rev. G. S. BOWES. London: Nisbet, 1895.

This is not the first book of Scriptural illustration which Mr. Bowes has written. He has in past years given us several useful manuals having a direct or indirect bearing on this subject; but, in some respects, the present work is the best of all his books. The student who looks for novelty of view or for brilliant exegesis in its pages, will, it is true, be disappointed, for these things do not fall within the scope of Mr. Bowes' manual. Besides, novelty and brilliance are not everything in theology by a very long way, and one would be glad to see far less of what is new, and a little more of what is true, in the writings of not a few latter-day theologians.

The student, however, or the preacher, might do worse than keep the present unpretending little volume close beside him while working at the sacred text. It will be found really serviceable as a supplement to Cruden's time-honoured Concordance.

*Education and Life in the United States.* By SELINA HADLAND. Elliot Stock.

This is a most instructive little pamphlet of notes made after an educational tour, and is full of "things not generally known." Although it gives, on the whole, a favourable picture of American life, it is an incomplete one. The chapter on schools and colleges should be read by all school managers, though it will probably come as a surprise to those whose admiration of American methods leads them into a vigorous denunciation of the methods adopted on this side of the Atlantic. The chapter entitled "Sabbaths and Sermons" gives a bird's-eye view of the diversity of spiritual activity in the big cities. In the course of her travels the authoress seems to have gained such an insight into the way the educational problem is being tackled across the Atlantic, as falls to the lot of but few. Save when she endeavours to summarize sermons she is always readable, and is often entertaining.

*The Great Problem.* By "J. S." Elliot Stock. Price 1d. Pp. 55.

The anonymous author of this pamphlet endeavours to trace, rapidly, yet succinctly, "the progress of the spiritual education and development of the human race" in four distinct periods corresponding with the four periods in individual lives—childhood, boyhood or girlhood, youth and maturity. In many cases his illustrations are apt, and his style is a distinct advance upon the ordinary pamphlet of this class. "J. S." is worth reading.

*The Best of Both Worlds.* By THOMAS BINNEY. Pp. 182. London: Edward Knight.

This is a reprint of Dr. Binney's famous work written specially for young men, and full of practical thought and wisdom. It is only by religious principle that the present life can be lived happily and satisfactorily—a principle sanctioned by the austere philosophy of Emmanuel Kant.

*Counsel and Comfort.* By JANE PELLY. London: Elliot Stock.

Contains in a very brief compass much that is exceedingly helpful. An anxious searcher after "the truth as it is in Christ" will not seek in vain for it in this devout and suggestive little book.

*Whether of the Twain.* By Rev. J. D. W. WORDEN. Liverpool: J. A. Thompson and Co. Pp. 138.

This book is a collection of simple sermons written with a view to contrasting "the man of the world and the man of God," as illustrated by Scriptural biographies. The sermons or essays—for such they are—are fresh and readable, and are tinged with the working of an original mind. The sermon on "The Pharisee and the Publican" is remarkable for a convincing defence of the usually much-abused Pharisee. This is just the book for what is called "the respectable working man." Mr. Worden is always vigorous.

*Nineteen Centuries Ago and Now.* By the late J. C. H. MEHL; with biographical sketch by E. M. RUSH. Pp. 220. Robert Banks and Son.

This is a collection of essays, mainly upon different aspects of the Anglo-Israel question, by a German lady, who, during a life of much conflict, spiritual and material, developed a character of refined beauty. The story of her life as told by E. M. R. is most touching, not the least pathetic passage being the description of how, after a long spiritual pilgrimage, Miss Mehl found her home in the Church of her adopted country—our own National Church. The essays are clearly written and display a deep knowledge of the Scriptures. The argument for the Anglo-Israel theory is put very persuasively.

*Animals' Rights.* By H. S. SALT. Also an essay on Vivisection in America, by ALBERT LEFFINGWELL, M.D. Pp. 176. New York: Macmillan and Co.

This book, the work of a thinker of the Humanitarian school, is a strong plea for the rights of our dumb companions, and as such is worthy of the thoughtful perusal of all who feel a real interest in the application of Christian principles to our relations with the brute creation. Mr. Salt is an "advanced" writer, as the following passage will make clear: "If we are ever going to do justice to the lower races, we must get rid of the antiquated notion of a 'great gulf' fixed between them and mankind, and must recognise the common humanity that unites all living beings in one universal brotherhood." Of Dr. Leffingwell's essay we can only say that it is food for most painful reflection. If the cruelties of the dissecting-room be as the writer states, it is time the conscience of the Christian public was roused on the subject.

#### MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (August) magazines:

*The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, The Quiver, Cassell's Family Magazine, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Parish Helper, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Zenana, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.*