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Hastings' "Dictionary of the Bible," vol. i., p. 639. (Compare Wenley, "Aspects of Pessimism," p. 38.) Mr. Tyler sees direct influences where only resemblances occur.

In § 5 of the Introduction, arguing on the assumption (it is nothing more) that Zeno and Epicurus have directly influenced Kohêleth, Tyler builds up his theory as to the date of the book, which seems to me to be put considerably too late; and to that opinion Dr. C. H. H. Wright apparently assents. Tyler is probably correct in saying that Kohêleth had studied the Book of Job thoroughly; but the remarks in § 9 on Psalm lxiii. and Ecclesiastes are surely fanciful. It may be true also that Ecclesiastes is not without traces of a Messianic hope; but can we really find such in ch. v. 6?

On p. 61 the editor argues ingeniously, perhaps convincingly, that Kohêleth=Philosophy, *i.e.*, a collective personification, an assembly of philosophers; while Solomon (who certainly did *not* write the book, as every scholar now admits) is introduced to us as the mouthpiece of speculative philosophy, in order to give the book a concrete unity (§ 13).

Notably acute is Tyler's explanation of the epilogue (on p. 82); and his remarks on the influence of the LXX. are important (compare § 18). The really weak spot in an admirable (though by no means always convincing) work is the English translation, which strikes me as often uncouth, and wanting in dignity and felicity of phrase. E. H. B.

Short Notices.

Instructions on the Revelation of St. John the Divine. By the Rev. CRESSWELL STRANGE, M.A. Longmans and Co. Price 6s. Pp. 330.

ONE well versed in Biblical literature wrote that "more nonsense has been written upon the Book of Revelation than upon any other book of Holy Scripture." The opinion was severe, perhaps too severe, for holy thoughts and aspirations sometimes breathe and do good work in the world, even through very imperfect reasoning. However, it is a pleasure to welcome a book on the Apocalypse which is eminently sensible, and also full of useful practical teaching. In this respect Mr. Strange reminds us of the late Dean Vaughan's volume on the same subject. Here are a series of fifty-two Instructions, each of which has been preached as a sermon, in which the author clearly deals with the problems, and emphasizes the plain lessons of Revelation. He does this with two beliefs constantly before his mind: first (with Professor Milligan), that the book is an extended account of our Lord's discourse on the four last things; and, second, that its teaching is rather for all time than bound up in specific historic events. Throughout, Milligan, Schaff, Lee, and Fausset are consulted. The result is a really valuable collection of homiletic dissertations.

Wanderings West and East. By the Rev. E. BARTRUM, D.D. Partridge and Co. Price 2s. 6d. Pp. 221.

Everybody travels nowadays. The number of those who go round the world and then write a book of travels increases every year. Dr. Bartrum was called by domestic duty to Canada and British Columbia, and thence made his way across the Pacific to Hong Kong, Japan, Ceylon, Egypt, and so to his country rectory in England. His mind is receptive, but dis-

criminating. He does not bore us with masses of information and conjecture; but he makes some excellent notes in simple and sprightly language on many interesting subjects. His hints on Canada and British Columbia will be useful to intending colonists; while his descriptions of Japanese life, of the Chinese character, and his notes on trees, plants, and natural features of the countries he traversed, are exceptionally concise and good.

High Aims at School. By the Rev. R. A. BYRDE, M.A., with Preface by Dr. JAMES of Rugby. Elliot Stock. Pp. 134.

Boys are not easy to preach to, but when once attracted are perhaps the most remunerative listeners. These sermons are just what sermons to boys should be—earnest, simple, practical, formative. Such subjects as "Home Duties," "Patience," "Purity of Heart," "Evil Influence," are well chosen, and discussed with admirable reality and force.

Scientific Temperance Addresses. By E. CRAWSHAW. C.E.T.S. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 98.

The effects of alcohol on the human body as a study in physiology are now well known to temperance lecturers. In the clearness of arrangement and illustration, this book compares favourably with others of the same character. It is also considerably fuller and more up-to-date than any we have previously seen. Herein it appears to possess a distinct advantage.

Footsteps to Peace. By W. WELBY PRYER. George Stoneman: London. Price 8d. Pp. 63.

The Spirit of Power. By the Rev. W. TALBOT HINDLEY. Home Words Office. Price 6d. Pp. 42.

Two little devotional manuals on the same lines as the teaching of the Keswick School. Those who accuse this school of mysticism should read such statements as these, which are throughout in close touch with the everyday things of life.

Charles Grant. By HENRY MORRIS. S.P.C.K. Pp. 63.

Charles Grant was a close friend of William Wilberforce and Henry Thornton, and in the closing years of the eighteenth and first years of the nineteenth centuries he was associated with all the important religious enterprises in this country. No connected account of his life has been published before, and this book gives interesting glimpses of religious life and thought, with particulars of many good people who worked for God both in the India and the England of that day.

Sophia Cooke. By E. A. WALKER. Elliot Stock. Pp. 91.

Sophia Cooke laboured for forty-two years as a missionary in Singapore under the Society for Promoting Female Education in India and the East. Her devoted life was crowned by great success among the girls of her boarding-school, and is a touching proof of Christ's power to inspire service that is self-sacrificing and enduring.

Unseal the Book. By Mrs. ASHLEY CARUS-WILSON. R.T.S. Pp. 160.

To say that Mrs. Carus-Wilson was Miss Mary L. G. Petrie, B.A., before her marriage will be sufficient to recommend this book to Bible students. It consists mainly of papers published in several magazines, which are here collected and systematized. It deals with the right rendering, studying, storing, and practising of Holy Scripture. We commend the book heartily to Christian teachers.

Our Christian Year. By a TEACHER. Elliot Stock. Pp. 346.

Sunday Readings. By BEATRICE WAUGH. S.P.C.K. Pp. 192.

Both these books follow the Church's seasons, the former being intended for the elder scholars in Sunday-schools, and the latter for the

sick in hospitals. While there is, perhaps, nothing very striking about either, yet they are well suited for the purposes for which they were written; and many who have little time or training, and who yet are glad to teach in a Sunday-school or minister to the sick, will find here much excellent matter ready for their use.

My Tour in Palestine and Syria. By F. H. DEVERELL. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode.

The care and attention that have been bestowed upon this book are remarkable. Paper, type, and binding are excellent, and the illustrations, done from photographs, are charming from their clearness. The letter-press is a kind of diary recording the author's impressions on the spots he visited. Much interesting information may be gleaned from them, but we see no necessity for a violent tirade against the Government for not declaring war on behalf of Armenia.

Statutes and Songs. By the Rev. F. B. MEYER. London: James Nisbet and Co.

These are sermons, or, rather, sermon-notes, and give a good representation of Mr. Meyer's general style. We particularly like the second, "The night is far spent," on Rom. xiii. 11-14, but all are good.

Old Testament History for Schools. Part III. By the Rev. T. H. STOKOE, D.D. The Clarendon Press.

The importance of system and method in religious teaching in secondary schools is gradually becoming recognised. Manuals such as Dr. Stokoe's should be widely used. They contain almost every requirement for school use, and are practical, plain, and up-to-date. This, the third volume, deals with the period from the Disruption to the return from the Captivity, and is as good as its predecessors.

A Lost Art. By S. C. PENNEFATHER. London: Home Words Publishing Office.

These are a series of stories of the East End which have come under the observation of workers in the Mildmay Mission. They are deeply interesting, with an undercurrent of quiet pathos that should convince even the most careless reader of the needs of our outcast brethren, and the duties we owe to them. We wish a wide circulation for this little book.



The Month.

THE second trial of Captain Dreyfus ended at Rennes on Saturday, September 9, with a second verdict of guilty by five votes to two, instead of unanimously as in 1894. Extenuating circumstances were found, however, and the sentence was ten years' detention in a fortress. It is an amazing verdict, about which everything that can be said has already been given vent to, both for and against. The *cause célèbre* of the century is finished; but France has received a blow from which she may, perhaps, never recover. Nemesis follows in the wake of guilty nations as of guilty individuals. All through the civilized world outside France the verdict of the court-martial has created a feeling of shame and horror. We will not add more, save to express our sense, not only of the baseness of the crime, but also of our admiration for the patriot minority in France, who through all these bitter months have succoured