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particular forms. The baptismal, marriage, and funeral services will be of great service to younger ministers. We have been particularly struck by the excellence of some statements on baptism. The selection of passages suitable for the burial of

the dead is exceptionally full. On the whole, without innovating upon established order, this book will help in securing greater seemliness, variety, and freshness in Presbyterian devotional services.

JOHN SMITH.

## The Religious Literature of the Month.

### BOOKS.

LONG looked for, Professor Kirkpatrick's edition of **The Psalms in the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges** will be heartily welcomed (Cambridge: The University Press, fcap. 8vo, pp. lxxix, 227, 3s. 6d.). This volume embraces the first Book of the Psalter (Psalms 1-41), but it is not to be supposed that there will be volumes for each of the remaining four Books, since nearly a third of this volume is occupied with the Introduction.

MESSRS. T. & T. CLARK have this month issued a book whose modest title is not likely in itself to attract such attention as it deserves, and the pleasure with which we have gone through it compels us to offer a hearty word of recommendation—**How to read Isaiah**, by Buchanan Blake, B.D., Clydebank, crown 8vo, pp. 187, 3s. 6d.). How to read Isaiah is how to understand Isaiah; it is marvellous that the prophecies should become so intelligible when in their proper setting and free from all needless accessories. "Partly from accidental circumstances and partly from their nature," says a great commentator, "the prophetic writings have not received from the ordinary Bible reader that share of attention which they deserve." This book shows us that the nature has less to do with it and the accidental circumstances more than we had dreamed.

WE hope to publish shortly a survey of recent literature on Inspiration and Biblical Criticism. We shall, therefore, do no more at present than mention three volumes which will come within that survey. Two of them are by the Rev. John Urquhart, the editor of *The King's Own*, **What are we to Believe?** (John F. Shaw & Co., crown 8vo, pp. 231; paper, 1s. 6d., cloth, 2s. 6d.), and **Jehovistic and Elohist Theories** (4to, pp. 67, 1s. nett). The third deals with a much larger subject, **Revelation and its Record**, and is in every respect an important book, conservative and scholarly. It is by the Rev. A. B. Cameron, M.A., B.D., Edinburgh (Andrew Elliott, crown 8vo, pp. 295).

**Words to Christian Workers**, by F. E. Marsh (Drummond's Tract Depot, Stirling, crown 8vo, pp. 297, 2s. 6d.), is written by one Christian worker, and should be in the hands of all others.

**Zacchæus**, by G. Stringer Rowe (Simpkin, crown 8vo, pp. 70). What is this? It is not a sermon, nor a series of sermons. It is not "an ideal" biography. It is a Biblical monograph after the German method, though very far removed from any symptom of German Rationalism in the handling. Those who know Mr. Rowe's *Alone with the Word* will seek this little book. It is of the same character,

but fuller, more personal, more interesting. There is room for more such monographs.

MR. ANDREW BROWN, Wanlockhead, has published the essay on **The Sabbath**, which gained one of the prizes in a recent important award (Edinburgh: Andrew Elliott, crown 8vo, pp. 187). Its title is "The Christian Minister's Duty with reference to the Sabbath."

From America has come some of our very best literature on Palestine. There is Thomson's *Land and the Book*, which has remained the text-book on the subject for a period surprisingly long in so progressive a science as Eastern Archæology. Then there is Dr. Selah Merrill's *East of the Jordan*, which is not known, however, or appreciated as it ought to be. And now there is **Edward Wilson's "In Scripture Lands"** (The Religious Tract Society, 4to, pp. xvi, 384, 15s.), a notable volume in several respects. Its great feature is the magnificence of its illustrations, some of which we admired when they appeared in the *Century* as amongst the finest specimens in that finely-illustrated magazine. But the letterpress is also both accurate and readable. And then the paper and the binding are just as good as there is any use for. Yes, a notable volume in every respect, and an ideal gift in summer or in winter.

Under the title of **The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit**, Mr. R. D. Dickinson has published a small volume (crown 8vo, 188 pages), which consists of a series of addresses delivered at a Conference in the city of Baltimore, U.S. The subject seems to have been carefully distributed amongst the speakers, for here most of the leading points in the Scripture revelation of the Spirit's Person and Work are dealt with, and the speakers know and appreciate their several topics. The most important contribution is made by Bishop Nicholson, whose special subject is "The Spirit of Prophecy."

MESSRS. GRIFFITH, FARRAN, OKEDEN, & WELSH have issued a very ingenious aid to the carrying out of the precept, "Let all things be done decently and in order." It is called a **Sermon Register and Ready Reference**. First you have ruled paper, and columns with appropriate headings, where you can record the text of each sermon you have preached, the place, the date, and remarks. This part will hold 1000 texts. The second part is then a ready reference to this register. The books of the Bible, in their order, have a page or two each, where the number of the sermon in Part I. is entered. A glance at this index shows where the sermon may be found, with its place, date, and remarks. The author is the Rev. E. H. Rand, M.A. It is published at 2s.

Dr. Alexander B. Grosart has issued, through Mr. Elliot Stock, an enlarged edition of his **Songs of the Day and Night** (small 4to, pp. xxii, 285; paper, 3s. 6d.; cloth, 4s. 6d.), with the words "for private circulation only" omitted, as we are glad to see. The book will be sought by many different people from many different impulses. Some for devotional, some will welcome it for expository uses; some will seek pleasure in its melodious enshrinement of their own remembered experiences; some heart and hope for battles yet to come; some will be ready to add another volume to their library of hymnology; some will lay eager hands on a daintily-printed, old-fashioned, soon to be "scarce and rare," small quarto; and many, we hope, will find the book a treasure, as we do, for all these reasons combined.

From the *Church Bells* Office there is just issued an **Album of Notable London Churches** (crown 4to, 1s.). The illustrations are unassuming, but very good, and the short description is straightforward and accurate. A list of the incumbents is given in every case, sometimes from the twelfth century.

MR. GEORGE STONEMAN sends **The Systematic Bible Teacher** (crown 8vo, 224 pp., 2s.), compiled by John Greene, founder of the Systematic Bible Teaching Mission. The speciality of the system is that it never changes. The lessons are divided into three grades (of which this volume gives I. and II., with illustrative notes, questions, hymns, catechisms, and full scheme for examination); and when parents and teachers once know them well, they can teach them always. The system has a greater advantage (over the International Lessons, for example) for the great body of teachers than may be supposed, though of course it has its limitations.

MR. STONEMAN has just issued a little book (32mo, 116 pp., 1s.), by W. T. Lynn, B.A., F.R.A.S., Lay Reader in the Diocese of Rochester, which contains short biographies of thirteen great men of the Bible, from Abraham to Luke. It is beautifully bound, and should prove an acceptable and useful gift. The title is **Eminent Scripture Characters**.

**Guy Wynmore's Repentance** (crown 8vo, 116 pp., 1s. 6d.) is another of Mr. Stoneman's new publications, and is both wholesome and attractive.

Some booklets deserve attention—*Hid Treasure; or, The unrecognised Quotations of the New Testament from the Septuagint Version of the Old*, by Richard Harris Hill (Cassell, 1s.); *The Promises to the Seven Churches*, by the Rev. Robert A. Mitchell, M.A. (Aberdeen: D. Wyllie & Son, 2d.); *The Prince of Peace: Songs in Praise of Jesus Christ*, by William Macintosh, M.A. (Kelso: J. & J. H. Rutherford); *Wonderful Grace: Sonship Now; Likeness Then*, by Charles Bullock, B.D. (*Home Words* Office, 1d.); *Made, Marred, and Made Anew*, by Pastor Frank H. White (Partridge, 1d.); *The Increase: A Year's Record of Facts and Results in the work of the Stirling Tract Enterprise, 1890* (Stirling); *The Building of Solomon's Temple*, by the Rev. David Jamison, B.A., Newton Hamilton (Dublin: Humphrey & Armour).

## NOTABLE SERMONS AND EXPOSITIONS IN MAY.

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