

writer, dealing with the great questions that emerge not merely in the light of lexicon and grammar, but in the more searching light of the life and thought of the author, his point of view and his place in revelation—for work such as this there is much need. Criticism has done its work pretty thoroughly and has left materials lying about in abundance. Another order of workmen is now demanded.

An illustration of this work may be found in "Studies on the Epistles."* Few of the great writers are better able to do this work than Godet. As an exegete he stands almost without a peer. Others whose names occur in this connection, e.g. Ellicott, Lightfoot, Meyer, excel him it may be in this or that particular gift, but in depth of spiritual insight, in delicacy of spiritual touch, in the rich gift of imagination wedded to speculative power of a wide range, in the power of marshalling facts, weighing evidence and making the real question stand out in its correct proportions and true relations, Godet has no superior and few equals in that splendid array of contemporary scholars.

In this latest contribution to the study of the Pauline Epistles, attention is centred on the spiritual conflict between the Pauline doctrines and the gnostic and Judaizing heresies. The first chapter is devoted to the Second Advent excitement and teaching in the Epistles to the Thessalonians. In the list of St. Paul's Epistles is the Epistle to the Hebrews. But Dr. Godet does not accept its Pauline authorship. In the discussion of this question he is somewhat undecided. Rejecting the claims for Paul he gives great weight to the arguments of Ullmann, Ritschl, Weiss, Renan, Keil and others in favour of Barnabas and then suggests the name of Silas as, for reasons stated, the probable author. The whole discussion is very lucid. Students of the Epistles will do well to read carefully Dr. Godet's book. It deals in a large and thorough manner with several of the most difficult problems of New Testament theology.

It is difficult, at first, to find a place on the Shelf for two books, one from Boston, the other from New York, which the respective publishers sent us recently. The rule is to examine every book sent for review by reputable publishers, and, if thought advisable, give readers of this department the benefit of such examination. Preference, of course, is given to such books as are in keeping with the general character and purpose of the magazine, and in which a considerable number of readers are or should be interested. There should be good reason for the insertion as well as

*Studies on the Epistles. By F. Godet, D.D. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society. 1889.