

Book Notices.

Word Studies in the New Testament. By MARVIN VINCENT, D.D. Vol. I. Price \$4. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs.

This work is a commentary rather than a grammar or lexicon, but no other regular commentary can render it unnecessary. It supplies to the reader the exact force of the important words in the Greek Testament, so that one who knows of the Greek only sufficient to read the words, can, with the aid of this book, form a correct idea of the hidden meaning of a passage, as well as the critical Greek scholar. It does a better work for the student of the Bible than the most perfect lexicon and grammar can do. Its aim is to restore to the reader much that is lost in the translation of the New Testament from Greek to English. There are many examples of such loss. For example, the word "net" is used as the translation of three Greek words wholly different in origin and form, and therefore in meaning, only agreeing in the one thing, that each describes an instrument used for catching fish. A new meaning and beauty must be found in these passages when once these Greek words are understood.

Take also the word "basket." It is used to translate two different Greek words, one of which means a hand basket, the other such a basket as that in which Paul was let down from the window at Damascus. Christ fed two multitudes, one of 5,000, the other of 4,000. In the former case twelve baskets of fragments remained, in the latter seven baskets. In our English versions the word is the same, but not in the Greek. The seven baskets full was a much greater amount than the twelve baskets full. But this does not appear from the English.

"Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile." There is nothing satisfactory in what the English word

"compel" suggests. But the idea contained in the Greek word is that of a traveller impressed into the service of the Government for the carrying of important messages.

The book labours very successfully with the meanings of words, and will be of incalculable value to those who desire the real meaning of the word of God.

It has full indexes of the words in an English translation which are traced to the original, and of the Greek words explained; and also lists of the Greek words used exclusively by each New Testament writer. The present volume covers the first three Gospels, the book of the Acts, and the Epistles of Peter, James and Jude. There can be no question of the great value of such a work to the earnest student, and no other author has attempted the same work on a plan so comprehensive.

Faith vs. Knowledge. By REV. E. I. BADGLEY, B.D., LL.D.; and *Christ the Light of the World.* By REV. J. C. ANTLIFF, D.D. Toronto: William Briggs; C. W. Coates, Montreal; and S. F. Huestis, Halifax.

This is the tenth annual lecture and sermon before the Theological Union of Victoria University, 1887. The lecture is deserving of a place among its predecessors. Dr. Badgley has chosen an important theme for the subject of his lecture, and his mode of treatment is both learned and philosophical. The treatise displays extensive acquaintance with the productions of learned men who have studied this profound subject.

The sermon preached on the same occasion by Dr. Antliff is one of the best that we remember to have read. Its style is chaste, the theme is well chosen, the superiority of Christ, as the Light of the World, is set forth so clearly that believers may well rejoice, and sincere in-