

"The Twentieth Century New Testament." A Translation into Modern English. Made from the original Greek (Westcott & Hort's Text), by a company of about twenty scholars, representing the various sections of the Christian Church. Revised Edition. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. xxx-523. Price, \$1.00 net.

We confess to having had a prejudice against the translation of the august, time-honored words of the New Testament, invested with so many sacred and tender associations, into the language of every day life, but that prejudice is quite removed. The time-honored version of nearly three hundred years ago has by its sometimes archaic expression obscured rather than revealed its meaning. Other parts are like a coin worn smooth. This book is like one fresh from the mint, and brings home the meaning of the sacred text with a new power. The translation is made directly from the original Greek text, not into newspaper English, but into a dignified and literary style. It is said that young people have listened with eagerness to the reading of this version, to whom the authorized one had by its very aloofness possessed slight interest. The work has been twelve years in progress. Of the tentative edition two hundred thousand copies were sold in three years. We have employed this for daily readings ever since it came into our possession, and can testify to the quickened interest which it creates, and the new light which it often throws upon well-worn passages.

"History Unveiling Prophecy; or, Time as an Interpreter." By H. Grattan Guinness, D.D. Author of "The Approaching End of the Age." New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell. Pp. xxi-494. Price, \$2.00 net.

The difficulty about the interpreters of prophecy is that they become prophets themselves. In this book Dr. Guinness largely avoids this peril. He goes upon the principle, "God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain." He makes history, which is but the voice of God in the great movements of the ages, the explanation of the spirit of prophecy. The book of Revelation especially. It seems to us, was not so much designed to give a forecast of the future as to be a perpetual witness of the providence of God throughout the ages. The fixing of the times and the seasons for the end

of the world has caused many misinterpretations and mistakes which would be ludicrous were they not so pitiful. Dr. Guinness tells us that he found in Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, an unintended key to the Apocalypse. He follows the stately movement of that history in the overthrow of the great Babylon of the west, and of Byzantium, the eastern capital. He finds in the Reformation of Luther, and that of the English Puritans, in the English and French Revolutions, and in the fall of the papal secular power in 1867, fulfilments of the solemn imagery and predictions of the Revelation.

"The International Critical Commentary."

A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Amos and Hosea. By William Rainey Harper. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. clxxxii-424.

This great work marks an era in the history of biblical scholarship. That it is edited by Dr. Harper is a guarantee of its broad and comprehensive character. It has been in preparation for fourteen years, and all the recent and copious literature on the Minor Prophets has been laid under tribute, as well as Dr. Harper's original investigation. It is a book specially for preachers and scholars. It goes to the root of the matter, and gives a critical investigation of almost every clause and phrase. Two more volumes will complete the Minor Prophets, which Dr. Harper expects to publish within the next two years. Let us hope that his health will be spared to complete this crowning work of his life.

"Inter-Communion with God." An Exploration of Spiritual Power as Manifested in Intercourse and Co-operation Between God and Man. By the Rev. Marshall P. Talling, B.A., Ph.D. Author of "Extempore Prayer." New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. 206. Price, \$1.00 net.

The previous work of Dr. Talling on "Extempore Prayer" treated very fully the art and meaning of public devotion; the present work is the complement and sequel of that book. It examines the many ways in which a soul may come in contact with its Maker. Its range is far wider than a treatise on private devotion, as it seeks to include every avenue of approach to God. Instead of treating communion in the ordinary language of religion, he speaks of all influences,