

## Book Reviews.

THE EXODUS, AND THE WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS. By the Rev. Dr. Edersheim. London: The Religious Tract Society. Toronto: John Young, The Tract Society Rooms, Yonge Street.

The birth and youth of a great nation are always objects of interest to thoughtful men. As the boy is said to be the father of the man, so do we always see in the outset of a nation's history the germs of the qualities good or bad, that distinguish its riper days. On this account, the period covered by the central books of the Pentateuch, is of great importance in Old Testament history, not only as regards the Jews but also as regards the Church of all times. In God's seeming forgetfulness and his strange silence during Israel's bondage in Egypt; in his sudden awakening for their deliverance; in his long keen contest with Pharaoh; in the awful issue of the argument in the Red Sea; in the thunders of Sinai; in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night; in Jordan and in Canaan, we have in type and symbol a grand display of the mysteries of our own redemption, sanctification and glorification. "The Old and New Testaments," says Dr. Edersheim, "are essentially one—not two covenants but one, gradually unfolding into full perfectness, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone of the foundation which is alike that of the apostles and prophets."

In explaining, defending, illustrating and applying this interesting period in the history of the Jews (in the history, we should have said, of God's Catholic Church), Dr. Edersheim possesses peculiar advantages that gives him a title to be heard with peculiar interest at this present time. He is himself a Christian Jew and therefore better fitted than Gentile Christians, however learned, to deal with Jewish history, controversies, and antiquities. Then, he is a Hebrew scholar, and in following the narrative of Israel's wanderings, he has, as he tells, us, made careful study of the Hebrew text with the help of the best critical works. Then, further, Dr. Edersheim possesses the advantage of having had ready to his hand recent geographical investigations on the eastern bank of the