

The first volume of the *Biblical Illustrator with regard to the Gospel of St. Luke* (5) takes us as far as the end of the 7th chapter, and is a mine of material whence preachers and teachers can gather substance for lessons and sermons. He must be hard to please, or a very "full" man indeed, who cannot here find something to assist him in preparing for his task. We suppose that an index of subjects will finally appear, and that will be an immense assistance to the use of the book. But, however, every verse seems to be duly commented upon and illustrated with remarks mostly to the point, oftentimes striking, sometimes original, and often amusing. Extracts are given from Dr. Pusey and Dr. Parker, C. Kingsley and Dr. Vinke, Dr. Dale and Mr. Spurgeon, and hosts of others; so it is clear that the *Illustrator* is constructed without any bias, but with the clear intention of bringing the best to bear on all points.

The *British Weekly Pulpit* (6) is a companion to the *British Weekly Journal*; but whether the first volume now under notice is a half-yearly or yearly one does not clearly appear. The Editor says that in this magazine he will endeavour to study freshness and variety. There are brief articles by various authors, and complete sermons by such distinguished preachers as Bishop Alexander, Dr. Dale, George Macdonald, Dr. Dykes, Mr. Berry, Dr. Maclaren, the Rev. John McNeill, Mr. Spurgeon, and many others. So the reader can here compare the styles of all sorts of pulpit orators; and the preacher, if need be, can find numerous models of pulpit eloquence. There are also prayers by many of these eminent ministers. We suppose that a place can be found for the *Weekly Pulpit*, although it seems to us that the number of such publications "has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished."

The fourth volume of the *Sermon Bible* (7) contains homiletic comments on the Prophetical Books, and concludes the series as far as the Old Testament is concerned. The notes are carefully chosen from a wide circle of authors, and references are given to a still wider circle. This volume, like its predecessors, forms a very serviceable assistance to preachers and teachers, and in cases where a short exposition of Scripture forms a part of domestic devotion, many of the homiletic sections will be found suitable and instructive. The publishers are to be commended also for the printing and get-up of the work.

The Book of Job forms the eleventh volume of the *People's Bible* (8). In a recent note to an American periodical, Dr. Parker calls the *People's Bible* his life work, and points out that it is the only *spoken* commentary with which he is acquainted. He says that it is "not elaborately composed with a view to literary display, nor a pulpit portmanteau into which a man may put all kinds of odds and ends principally belonging to other people; it is a repertory of pastoral comment in which the broadest truths are earnestly applied to the daily experience of Christian life." Dr. Parker uses strong