

Book Notices.

The Text of Jeremiah. A Critical Investigation of the Greek and Hebrew, with the Variations in the LXX. Retranslated into the Original and Explained. By GEO. COULSON WORKMAN, Ph.D., Professor of Old Testament Exegesis and Literature in Victoria University, Cobourg, Ont. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo., pp. xlv.-389. Price, \$3.15.

This book we regard as one of the most important achievements of Canadian scholarship. It is all the more praiseworthy as having been performed in the difficult field of Oriental literature. Professor Workman has made this subject a specialty during his four or more years residence at Leipsic, where he has enjoyed the most competent instruction in Oriental learning to be had in the world. That he has profited well by this protracted study is evident from this admirable volume of original investigation. In his highly complimentary Introduction, the distinguished Professor Delitzsch says of this work, that it "presents a complete and comprehensive view of the differences between the Greek and Hebrew texts, in a way in which it hitherto has never been presented. The author thereby contributes to the science of Biblical criticism a work of valuable and lasting service."

An examination of the book will show that this is not overpraise. The author has the courage to arraign the critical judgment of a number of the most learned scholars of the day as to the value of the Septuagint translation of the Scriptures, and he gives very good ground for maintaining a contrary opinion. He has ingeniously arranged in parallel columns the accepted or Masoretic Hebrew text, and a translation into Hebrew of the corresponding passages from the LXX., and has shown how many of the various readings may have re-

sulted from easily occurring mistakes of copyists, which he proceeds to illustrate at length. We have not space here to treat more fully this important contribution to Biblical scholarship, but we heartily commend it, especially to our ministers, for their personal study. We congratulate Victoria University on securing, for the important chair of Old Testament Exegesis, so accomplished a scholar as the author of this book, which we place in the hands of an expert for more adequate notice than we can here give it. The ancient University of Leipsic has shown its appreciation of Professor Workman's distinguished scholarship by conferring upon him the degree of Ph.D.

The Nonsuch Professor in his Meridian Splendour. By the Rev. WILLIAM SECKER. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

This very remarkable book is a reprint of one published seventy years ago. We can find no reference to its author in any biographical dictionary. He is here simply described as the "Minister of All-Hallows Church, London Wall." We judge that the book was written in the last century. It is well described by Dr. Cuyler as a "wonderful book, combining the sententiousness of Benjamin Franklin with the sweet, holy savour of Samuel Rutherford." It seems to us rather to unite the terse wisdom of Bacon, the wit of "quaint old Fuller," and the Saxon energy and shrewdness of Charles Spurgeon. It is a book of practical godliness setting forth the character of the consistent Christian. Every page sparkles with gems of thought expressed with the apophthegmatic force of a well-worn proverb—the expression of the wisdom of many and the wit of one. The following are examples: "Who would