

most of them were originally spoken addresses gives them a vivacity and directness that the written discourse often lacks. There is a sturdy independence about the book and its author that is very refreshing. "In this day," he says, "when scepticism is so rife, and when even Christian teachers so frequently pride themselves that they believe, not so much, but so little, it seems that nothing is more needed than an uncompromising assertion of faith in the existence of God, the world, the soul." The book takes its title from the first essay, but it is fairly descriptive of the whole work. Among the other topics discussed are: Science and Religion, Materialistic Scepticism, Modern Idealism, Scientific Theism, Christian Individualism, the New Theology, the Claims of the Christian Ministry, the Education for the Ministry, the Economics and Theology of Missions, Woman's Place and Work, Christianity and Political Economy, the Crusades, Danté and the Divine Comedy, Robert Browning, etc. The great range and variety of these subjects will be apparent. This is a book for preachers. They will derive from it both inspiration and instruction. The author as a leader in the Baptist denomination is frankly Baptist in all topics relating to denominational opinion. For the amount of matter contained the book is remarkably cheap.

Sacred History from the Creation to the Giving of the Law. By EDWARD P. HUMPHREY, D.D., LL.D. 8vo, pp. xiv-540. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Toronto: William Briggs, Price \$2.50.

In reviewing this book we cannot do better than quote from the preface the following statement of its purpose. One of the objects of this work, we are told, is to furnish a help to the understanding of those perplexing passages of the earliest Scriptures which furnish so much of the working capital of cavillers and unbelievers, and by which even candid and devout readers are so often disturbed, because, if seen

from the point of view of a narrow observation, they seem not only strange, but sometimes quite unintelligible. Yet if these very passages be viewed in their connection with the entire sweep of the sacred Scriptures, and in their vital relation to the unfolding principles and processes of the kingdom of God, that which seemed strange becomes appropriate, and the obscure is made clear in the light of the glory of the past, and the present, and the future comings of the Lord. Dr. Humphrey has admirably accomplished the august purpose which he set before himself. He was well equipped for the task which he undertook. He was a brilliant student at Andover when Dr. Moses Stuart was creating a new era in Biblical learning. For forty years he devoted his best energies to the study of the subject, on which he lectured for some years at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Danville, Kentucky. The author brings his vast and multifarious learning to bear upon those problems which are now engaging the acutest intellects of the world. He grapples with the gravest difficulties, and it will be safe to say that he touches nothing which he does not illumine. The book has the pathetic interest of a posthumous work, for although the M. S. received his latest revision, yet the author passed away last December before its publication.

A Review of Rev. F. W. Macdonald's Life of Wm. Morley Punshon. LL.D. By the REV. HUGH JOHNSTON, M.A., B.D. Pp. 180. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 60 cents.

The preparation of this review has been to its genial author a labour of love. He has put his heart and soul into it. Dr. Punshon was to him as a father beloved, and he himself as his son in the gospel. He gives high praise to the literary and other qualities of the Macdonald and Reynar Life of Punshon, which will be forever one of the classics of Methodism. But he criticises some of the treatment of the illustrious subject of the biography, and assigns his reason therefor. He adds from his