

and more noble minded than the prejudiced of Thessalonica, inasmuch as they search the Scriptures. The dead scholasticism of Protestant Holland raised a great outcry against the philosophy of Descartes, because it taught that all true knowledge begins in doubt, but Dr. Stinson is no dead scholastic. To him doubt is the manifestation of a spirit of enquiry, of soul earnestness, and the true answer to enquiry is investigation, sifting of evidence, free discussion. In discussing the question, how far is the Bible inspired, he so insists upon it being an authoritative message from God to man that one imagines he hears Dr. Gordon or Dr. Pierson pleading for plenary inspiration; but, harking back to, What am I to think about the Bible? something very different appears. "Is the Bible inerrant? Certainly not. Did man ever do anything that was altogether free from error?" The manliness of being persuaded, in an admirable address, exhibiting the dignity of him who cordially accepts truth presented in a reasonable and kindly way, and, above all, the condescension and winningness of God in Christ, not lashing the world into line by harsh enactments of an external and temporary nature, but drawing it by great principles of truth, good for all time and for eternity, into the way of God-likeness. Dr. Stinson is a man of large heart and large mind, and of such charity that he is never bitter even when he rebukes.

His very language commends the gospel, and constitutes a valuable lesson in homiletics. Did space permit, I should like to have given some of his excellent thoughts about God, the Bible, Miracles, and the story of Jesus, of Faith and Prayer, of a Saviour from Sin, and of various phases of Immortality, as well as on the Kingdom of Heaven, the Christian Religion as compared with all others, and the reason why God does not personally convert men. Anybody can read these simple yet weighty discussions, and nobody who does so can fail to be profited by them. As the publishers' review slip makes mention of the fact, it is right to add that the price of the book is a dollar and a quarter.

From the same source comes the *Two St. Johns of the New Testament*, by James Stalker, D.D., although its original publishers are Isbister & Co. of London. It is a somewhat larger book than *Questions of Modern Enquiry*, but of 285 pages only, and its price is a dollar and a half. Dr. Stalker's name is so well known in connection with New Testament studies, and as a writer of classical English in a devout spirit, that this new work of his needs little introduction. It is not, as one might at first glance imagine, a higher-critical study of the Johannine writings corresponding to a treatise on the two Isaiahs, but a series of character sketches of John the Baptist and the disciple whom Jesus loved. An instructive