

The People's Bible : Discourses upon Holy Scripture. By JOSEPH PARKER, D.D. Vol. V. Joshua-Judges V. 8vo. pp. 360. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Price \$1.75.

It is a pleasure to review a book which we can so unreservedly commend, as the noble work to which Dr. Parker is devoting the maturest energies of his life—the People's Bible. The present volume is marked by the salient characteristics of the distinguished preacher of the City Temple—a keen insight into the inmost meaning of Scripture and a keen insight into the heart of man. His application of the eternal truths of these old Hebrew books to the complex life of modern London and to the ever urgent needs of the human soul, gives this series of books a conspicuous and permanent value. The style is at times somewhat perfervid and rhetorical, but that is infinitely preferable to dulness and insipidity.

Marriage and Home Life. By the REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, D.D. Pp. 189. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.

This is the most recent collection of Dr. Talmage's sermons, known in America as "The Marriage Ring." They are embodied, however, in much more elegant form than in the American edition. The full gilt and coloured binding makes the book worthy in dainty beauty of the theme which it treats. Never, we believe, have wiser counsels been given to the married, and those about to marry, than in this volume. They are written in Dr. Talmage's style of perfervid eloquence and almost oriental gorgeousness of imagery. The book makes a most appropriate little marriage present.

The Throne of Grace, or a Call to Prayer. By M. RHODES, D.D. Pp. 250. Philadelphia: Lutheran Publication Society. Price \$1.

This is a very practical book on a very important subject. Dr. Rhodes discusses wisely the nature and conditions of effectual prayer—prayer

in its relations to God the Father, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ; intercessory, secret, social and public prayer; prayer and the will of God; habits of prayer; what shall we pray for? etc. It will be seen that the range of subject is wide and is well covered. We can only add that we deem the treatment eminently judicious and helpful.

A Manual of Christian Evidences. By the Rev. C. A. ROW, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price \$1.75.

This is a small book on a great subject. It gives, first, the moral evidence as to the Divinity of Christ—the divine attraction of the Cross and moral illumination of the Great Teacher, the unity of character of the Christ of the Gospels and the divine energy of the apparently weak agency through which the early Church conquered the world. Part II. treats the miraculous attestation of Christianity and its evidence, especially the crowning miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The book is very terse, crisp, concise and comprehensive.

LITERARY NOTES.

Under the title, "Celebrities of the Century," Messrs. Cassell & Company will soon publish a most important work. It is a biographical dictionary of the century, containing condensed accounts of the lives of every man and woman in any country who has won distinction during the years from 1800 to 1887.

The enterprising house of William Gottsberger, New York, has sent us a copy of their new edition of the famous "Romance of a Poor Young Man," by Octave Feuillet, (pp. 319—price \$1.00). We have not had time to read it, but the *Book Buyer* for March (C. Scribner's Sons) describes it as "a masterpiece of literary performance . . . abounding in the Celtic sensibility of which Matthew Arnold has written with so much charm and insight."