

of the Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, two of the "four brethren," who originally seceded from the Establishment. Dr. Brown says in the Preface:—

"It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life to have been intimately connected, by relationship and friendship, with not a few of 'the excellent ones of the earth;' and I have been called on to pay my full proportion of that tax, with which such a privilege, when connected with a longer term of years than is usually allowed to men, is necessarily associated. I have often been a mourner, and, therefore, have often had to look out for consolation for myself. Often, too, in the course of a long period of pastoral labor, providential dispensations have given great distinctness to the Master's command—'Comfort, comfort my people;' and, therefore, I have often had to look out for consolation to them. The result of the search is a deep conviction that the consolation provided in the Gospel for such sorrows is both abundant and varied."

We regret that want of space prevents us from characterizing the work, and giving specimens, as we should otherwise have gladly done. We may say, however, that it bears a great resemblance to almost all the other productions of Dr. Brown, in consisting, mainly, of a strict and rigorous exposition of Scripture, the substance of which, on the very important subject of the volume, is pretty fully, and very clearly set forth; together with a close, practical, and affectionate application of the whole, such as the Author's personal experience, to say nothing of his other qualifications, has peculiarly fitted him for making. We ought to mention, also, that there is appended the exquisite Tract, by Dr. Brown, entitled, "Reflections on the Death of a very dear Christian Friend," which was originally published about forty years ago, and has passed through numerous editions. He was suffering, at that time, under a very painful bereavement, and, as the Germans say, the wine-press gave wine. We are glad the book has been reprinted on this side of the Atlantic, and give it our very sincere and cordial recommendation.

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LECTURES DELIVERED BEFORE THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, LONDON, FROM NOVEMBER, 1854, TO JULY, 1855. 12mo, pp. 508. New York, Carters; Toronto, C. Fletcher. 1855.

This really handsome volume is an American reprint of the tenth series of Lectures, delivered and published under the auspices of the very interesting Association named in the title. The names of the authors, and the subjects of which they treat, will be the best recommendation we could give, and, indeed, the only one for which, at present, we can make room. They are these:—The Origin of Civilisation, by Archbishop Whately; Labour, Rest, and Recreation, by Rev. Dr. Cumming; Popular Fallacies, by Rev. N. Landels; the Glory of the Old Testament, by Rev. Hugh Stowell, M.A.; the Philosophy of the Atonement, by Rev. Dr. Archer; Man and his Masters, by J. B. Gough, Esq.; the Intelligent Study of Holy Scripture, by Rev. H. Alford, B.D.; Constantinople and Greek Christianity, by Rev. R. Burgess, B.D.; Agents in the Revival of the Last Century, by Rev. L. H. Wiseman; God's Heroes and the World's Heroes, by J. H. Gurney, M.A.; the Dignity of Labour, by Rev. Newman Hall, A.B.; Ragged Schools, by Rev. Dr. Guthrie; Opposition to Great Inventions and Discoveries, by Rev. S. Martin.