

Of books on Palestine there is no end. This continual stream proves how inexhaustible is the fascination of the subject. Such books, however, deal chiefly with the part of the Holy Land west of the Jordan. **Arab and Druze at Home**, by William Ewing, M.A. (T. C. & E. C. Jack, London, 179 pages, 31 full-page illustrations, \$1.75 net) takes us beyond the river to the more seldom visited and less known regions of Eastern Palestine. The Arab we all know; with the Druze we are not so familiar. The chapter that attracts us first, therefore, is that which gives an account of this Mohammedan sect which took its rise in Egypt in the early years of the eleventh century. A hundred thousand in number, these brave, hospitable, temperate, but sensitive and vindictive, people are bound together in a sort of Oriental free masonry, holding tenaciously to their doctrines as systematized by Hamzeh, a learned and able Persian. With the desert dwellers, Arab and Druze, our author accompanied during his journey, and in a singularly vivid fashion he takes the reader into their everyday life.

The latest volume in, **The Analyzed Bible**, by G. Campbell Morgan, D.D., contains The Gospel According to John (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 265 pages, \$1.00). A table at the beginning of the book gives a conspectus of its contents. This gives the theme of the Gospel as, Jesus Christ the Word of God. The representation of the divine Word by the evangelist is tabulated under the three main heads: From Everlasting; God Manifested; To Everlasting.

Under these heads the teachings of the Gospel are arranged in a compact and memorable form. In the body of the book the contents of the prefixed table are amplified, with brief explanatory comments.

Four new volumes have come to us of Dr. Alexander Maclaren's, **Expositions of Holy Scripture**, containing respectively: Ezekiel to Malachi; Luke's Gospel (two volumes); and The Epistle to the Romans. These "Expositions" will prove to the preacher worth ten times their weight in gold, if he can only wrest from them their author's secret of seizing with a firm, masculine grip the essential truths of scripture, to place them in a setting of language at once beautiful and virile, and then to bring them home to the heart and conscience, with all the force and effectiveness of a message straight from heaven. (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, \$1.25 per volume.)

It is not too soon for ministers and Sabbath School teachers to take a look ahead to the International Lessons for 1910, which will all be taken from the Gospel of Matthew. Amongst the helps for the study of this great book, a place should without fail be given to, **A Devotional Commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew**, by Robert F. Horton (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto and New York, 258 pages, \$1.25). This Commentary is not critical: it assumes the interpretations reached by critical study, and sets forth their application of the gospel truths to life and experience. The preacher and the teacher will find this a "meaty" book in an unusual degree.

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