

Review.

EASTERN SOCIAL LIFE.*

The more we know of the East the better we understand the Bible, which in its more human aspects was the product of the East; and it is once or twice in a generation that we have a traveller who can go out for one journey—mapped and planned for years, probably—and bring home with him a very argosy of facts and illustrations, which he has been hammering into workable shapes ever since. But Dr. Trumbull, of the *Sunday School Times*, has been doing just this. His "Kadesh-barnea" settled a long-doubtful point, and showed us exactly *where* the Israelites spent so many years after the exodus; and now, in a most attractive volume, he gives us a world of information about the in-door customs of the nations of the East; their betrothals and weddings, their burials and mourning, hospitality and revenge, food and prayers, family relations, healing, wealth, allegiance, and almost everything else we would wish to see and know; and all told in that perfectly simple manner that is the product of long-cultivated wisdom. The illustrations, 30 in number, are small, but very valuable, being half-tone reproductions of photographs.

Dr. Trumbull, in his "Reviews" in the *S. S. Times*, has done much to induce authors to give copious and useful *indexes* for the use of the reader; and we were curious to know if he "practiced what he preached." And he does. His "topical index" has 1,200 references; and his index of Scripture passages extends to 700 texts. To the preacher, the Bible-class and S. S. teacher, the thoughtful Christian at home—everyone who wishes to understand the numberless references to Eastern manners, in which are often hid mines of spiritual wealth—this volume will be a prized and valuable one. And what many will be delighted with, without knowing from whence the delight comes, is the artistic perfection in the "getting up" of the book; such thick, fine paper, such clear type. Franklin said, "The printer used to give us clear black type; now the printing is not black, but gray!" But in the city of Franklin they have heeded this warning, and got back to the blackest of print, and the best of paper, and the newest of small pica, leaded. This volume will take its place among such works as Thomson's "Land and the Book," as a permanent and indispensable

work of reference in Bible exposition. A contemporary says:—

Taken altogether, the book is one of the most useful additions to the Bible-student's library to be procured anywhere. It is certain to prove of great value in the Bible-class; and its freedom from the polemic spirit, its keen observation, and its broad comprehension of the subject, are certain to lead to its general use.

Obituary.

DEACON JAMES HARRISON, OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

The Congregational church in St. John has been called upon to part with a valued member, Deacon James Harrison. The deceased was a native of Waterborough, Queen's County, New Brunswick, and was born in the year 1818. He was a son of the late Hon. Charles Harrison, member of the Legislative Council, and moved with the family to Mangerville, Sunbury County. In 1840 he married Miss Hannah Bridges, and in 1856 he united with the Congregational church in Sheffield, as did also Mrs. Harrison a few years later. In 1880, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, with the greater part of their family, moved to St. John, and soon after transferred their membership from the Sheffield church. With the St. John church they and the members of their family labored earnestly and efficiently. Mr. Harrison was elected a deacon in 1885, in which office he continued until 1893, when he resigned on account of failing health, but was elected an honorary deacon, which he held until his death, which took place on the 10th of April. Deceased was of a quiet, gentle and unassuming demeanor, but was at the same time a very earnest and devoted Christian, always in his place at the Sabbath service when health would permit. He attended worship on the Sunday morning previous to his decease.

His remains were taken to Sheffield, for interment in the Congregational church burying ground, alongside of those of the late Mrs. Harrison, who died in 1890. The sermon was preached in the church edifice by Rev. James M. Austin, the pastor of the Sheffield church, from the text, John xiv. 23. One beautiful symbol, in the shape of a bunch of grain ripened and cut, was laid on the coffin as it was lowered into the grave.

The resolution of sympathy with the members of the family of the deceased testified to the regard in which the late Deacon Harrison had been held.

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DIED.—At Laurel, Ont., on Tuesday, July 24, 1894, Harriet E., beloved wife of Rev. M. S. Gray, aged 68. "Died triumphantly in Jesus."