

exception of Kudur Lagomer of Elam, who is undoubtedly the Chedorlaomer of Genesis, it can hardly be said that the author of *History, Prophecy, and the Monuments* has succeeded in fixing the periods of the early Babylonian and Assyrian kings, nor is this to be wondered at, for it is a task of extreme difficulty. But, in the later history, from the time of the kings of Israel, his work has been accomplished with great labour and fidelity. Dr. McCurdy's plan is orderly and his style often felicitous, while his book gives evidence of extensive and careful reading. His placing the date of the Exodus in 1200 B. C. is a most unnecessary concession to the Egyptologists, and is an instance of the author's weakest point—too great reverence for authority that rests upon insecure foundations. Dr. McCurdy is above all a truthful man and a reverent believer in Sacred Scripture, the integrity of which in history and in prophecy his valuable work seeks more firmly to establish. The *Talker* will be pleased to learn that his book is widely read, as it deserves to be.

Another book that is not quite new, but which is not old, and that has been more than once referred to in the *JOURNAL*, along with the older "Missionary Problem" by the same author, is *The Noble Army of Martyrs*, by Mr. James Croil, a large octavo of 175 pages, published by the Presbyterian Board of Philadelphia. Mr. Croil's intention in this work was to give sketches of the lives of all Protestant missionaries who have died the death of martyrs; and this, after much painful research and extensive correspondence, he has successfully accomplished. But, in addition to this, he has prefixed a first part of the volume, giving a history of persecution to death in all lands, from early Christian days down to those of the last of the Covenanters who sealed their testimony with their blood; and has added Afterthoughts that are as interesting as they are weighty and convincing, to prove that missions to the heathen are not a failure. Mr. Croil is a master of Christian statistics, which are often found very effective on the missionary platform. These statistics will be found in the end of the volume, and they, along with the mass of useful and inspiring information contained in it, fully justify the *Talker* in repeating last month's admonition to ministers and students to place Mr. Croil's book on their library shelves.

Mr. Chapman, of 2407 St. Catherine street, sends four books to the *JOURNAL*, with the promise of more. Not to change the theme too rapidly, one may begin with *The Prophet Priest*, by the Rev. Andrew Murray, being four Mildmay Conference addresses. There are 84 duodecimo pages and a portrait of Mr. Murray in this publication of Mr. J. G. Wheeler, of London. There are rather too many Ohs! and Brothers! in Mr. Murray's addresses, giving them an extemporary and spasmodic look, but his matter is good, and the