

and cogency in this admirable volume—one of the most valuable contributions to Biblical exploration of recent times.\* The book is mechanically an *édition de luxe*, and has two maps and four full-page illustrations, some of these phototypes of great beauty.

*The Pulpit Commentary*, edited by the Rev. CANON H. D. M. SPENCE, M.A., and by the Rev. JOSEPH M. EXELL, with introductions by CANON FARRAR, BISHOP COTTERILL, PRINCIPAL TULLOCH, PROF. PLUMMER, &c.: *The Acts of the Apostles, Exposition and Homiletics* by the BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS. 2 vols., royal 8vo., pp. xiv. 457—xi., 345. New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.25 per vol.

This able commentary, of which seventeen volumes have been issued, has been received with a unanimity of favour such as falls to the lot of few works of the kind. The American publishers are therefore issuing an edition for the United States and the British-American Provinces, from duplicate stereotype plates of the English edition, at about one-half the price. The purpose of this commentary is to provide scholarly introductions to the sacred books, and to supply such expositions as shall meet the wants of the student, and such homiletical suggestions as shall assist the preparations of the preacher. These are followed by a comprehensive Sermon Outline, embracing the salient points of the preceding critical and expository section, and by brief homilies from various contributors, designed to show different modes of treatment, and to bring into relief different aspects of the passage under consideration. The contributors embrace many of the ablest critical and expository writers of the various Churches of Great Britain. Among these we may mention Canon Rawlinson, Dr. Payne Smith, Dean of Canterbury, Dean Bickersteth, Canon Spence, Canon Farrar, Prof. Blackie,

Dean Howson, and Principal Moulton of the Wesleyan Church. The commentary gives the results rather than the process of criticism, though it is not defective in this. It is fuller and more comprehensive than Bishop Wordsworth's or the "Speaker's" Commentary, and is more concise than the somewhat pedantic and prolix and expensive *Bibel-werk* of Lange. For ourself, we prefer the exegetical to the homiletical portions; but these are of much value as pulpit and teaching helps. The two volumes on the Acts are among the best apparatus extant for the study of the Sunday-school lessons for the current year. For combined quantity and quality of material, this is the cheapest commentary, as it is one of the best, that we know.

*My Reminiscences.* By LORD RONALD GOWER, F.S.A. 2 vols., pp. 361-323. Boston: Roberts Bros. Price \$2.00.

This is a book of remarkable interest. Lord Gower is a son of the Duke of Sutherland, and uncle of the Marquis of Lorne, though only about the same age as the latter. As a scion of one of the oldest families in Britain, he has the *entree* to all the great houses and to the best "society" in the kingdom. He is a busy man of affairs, a painter, a sculptor, a clever writer, a successful M.P. He knows everybody worth knowing, and gossips in pleasant vein about the chief notabilities in Europe—the Queen, Prince of Wales, Lorne, Louise, Dufferin, Gladstone, Disraeli, Tennyson, Carlyle, Ruskin, Kingsley, Lecky, Dore, Hugo, Thiers, Louis Napoleon, Eugenie, Kaizer Wilhelm, the Crown Prince, Bismarck, Garibaldi—all of whom he met intimately, and sketches with vivacity. He makes very free with his ancestors, and scarce less so with contemporaries. He is a confirmed "globe trotter," and thinks nothing of starting across America to Australia, China and Japan on twelve hours' notice, besides travelling in Italy, Austria, Russia, Spain, and many out-of-the-way places.

\* Mr. Rowlands has this spring, although in his seventy-fifth year, revisited Kadesh-barnea. See *Sunday School Times*, April 26.