

ple laugh at Raymond Lulli striving to convert the Mahometans of Africa by his mechanical *Ars Magna*? The Talker would recommend to the readers of Mr. White's book the following from Bunyan: "Now in that he saith, here were spoons, what is it, but that there are also babes in the temple of the Lord. There was broth for babes as well as meat for men, and spoons to sup this broth withal." Let them also see what the same divine has to say concerning the golden snuffers and the snuff-dishes.

An exceedingly useful work for New Testament study is *The Records and Letters of the Apostolic Age*, by Ernest DeWitt Burton, Professor of New Testament Interpretation in the University of Chicago. Charles Scribner's Sons publish this book of 238 large octavo pages. Taking for his text the revised version, Professor Burton deals with all the New Testament writings but the gospels, illustrating the Acts of the Apostles by historical matter contained in the epistles, and setting forth the latter and the Book of Revelation in their historical connection and chronological order of composition. It may in some sense be called a harmony of the Acts of the Apostles. Conybeare and Howson's *Life and Epistles of St. Paul* covers much of the ground, but Mr. Burton's book is the only one I am familiar with, in the English language at least, which furnishes a complete and orderly survey of all that the apostles did and taught. The value of such a work to ministers and teachers of Bible-classes is apparent, especially to such as love to acquire and to impart sacred truth with scientific precision and adequate fulness. Its appended critical and historical notes are helpful, while they do not interfere with the continuity of the text.

The fourth book contributed by Messrs. Drysdale is the third series of *Bunyan Characters*, by Dr. Whyte, of Free St. George's, Edinburgh. It is uniform with the other volumes of the series published by Messrs. Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, and contains 300 pages printed in old-fashioned style that reminds one of the Pickering Press. Having exhausted *Christian and Faithful*, *Christiana* and *Greatheart*, Dr. Whyte turns to *The Holy War over the City of Mansoul*, which Macaulay and Froude regarded as next to the *Pilgrim's Progress*, the greatest allegory ever written. I remember reading it with great delight as a boy. Dr. Whyte is thoroughly familiar with all the literature that even touches on Bunyan, and is most felicitous in his illustration of that author's plan of thought and even of expression. He is introspective, but not morbidly or censoriously so, as witness his treatment of Mr. Prywell, who was no contemptible spy, as his name might indicate. He has a great horror and detestation of sins of the heart, and in this book, as in others, betrays almost a pessimistic conception of even Christian human nature. He has before recorded his judgment that evil reigns in the world, from the emperor to the beggar, and from the minister