

7. The silence of scripture shows that little weight is attached to the form of church Government.

Their college has in view the erection of a library building with public hall, gymnasium and other necessary accessories.

A VALUABLE PREMIUM.

We feel justified in drawing the especial attention of our readers to our Bible Premiums this year. Usually the REVIEW has been able to offer rare chances to its patrons at this season of the year, but, never before has it been able to approach the value of the premium now offered. It is the best of premiums, the Bible, and if we can place the "Word" with the best helps available in the hands of our readers, we are carrying out one of the objects we have near at heart in the publishing of our church paper. Two editions of the Bible have been secured, each considered by competent authorities the best in its class. The first is "The New Illuminated Holy Bible" published this year by the American Bible Union. It is self-pronouncing, and contains, in addition to full marginal references and Concordance 800 original illustrations. The text conforms to that of the Oxford Bible printed at the University Press, Oxford, and is printed in large clear type, on superfine paper. The illustrations are excellent specimens of artistic work, each of the 800 having an individuality of its own, and a direct bearing on some incident narrated in the page on which it appears. It is an art Bible in the sense that the engravings are works of artistic merit, but it is much more, the illustrations are interpreters, not only suggestive to the young but helpful to the general reader. The following high testimony to its merits, we are satisfied after careful examination, is none too flattering:

"This Bible is a genuine high art production. More elaborate, more costly, more complete and more satisfying than anything yet attempted. The text conforms to the Authorized Oxford Edition, and every proper name is accented and self-pronounced. There are copious marginal references, and a complete Concordance. The type is of a peculiarly clear round face, quite as legible as that of the large family Bible. But the crowning glory of this beautiful new edition is its eight hundred superb scriptural engravings and its wonderful allegorical plates in brilliant colors, which graphically illustrate the text in the light of modern Biblical knowledge and research, making this the most artistically perfect as well as the most practically desirable edition of the Holy Scriptures ever produced in any country or in any language. These marvelously faithful descriptive illustrations will prove a genuine revelation to Bible readers who have grown accustomed to the conventional and too often misleading Biblical pictures hitherto in use. Modern research has thrown a flood of light upon the people and places of Bible days: and this ripe knowledge shows forth on every page, so truthfully embellished as to give the sacred text a new and personal meaning. To this branch of the work, and at enormous cost was called the greatest of living artists, and it is to their intelligent conception of the work, and to their masterly skill in the portrayal of Bible scenes, that the superiority of this Bible over any yet produced is mainly due. Every picture is an eloquent sermon on the everlasting truth of Holy Writ. Events that have been imperfectly comprehended become invested with the charm of living reality; and places that have seemed far off are made familiar, as though we ourselves had trod the hills and valleys of Canaan with the prophets and disciples of old. It may be truthfully said that this really superb edition of the Book of Books has an important mission to perform, in illuminating and vivifying the Bible narrative and giving it, as perhaps never before, a present, living, human interest."

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The second of the two editions referred to at the outset, is that issued by Thomas Nelson & Sons in their new series of Teachers' Bibles.

To those who may not chose an illustrated Bible on the elaborate scale above described, but who require an admirable edition with elaborate and full "helps," we can recommend nothing better than this edition from Nelson's well-known and reliable house. The price with one year's subscription of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW is only \$2.25, and there is nothing in the way of premiums to be compared with it at that price. The Bible has been prepared by a staff of contributors including every name of first rank-note of the present decade, in the theological or Biblical world. To name them all would require a column of space, but accredited scholarship marks the list throughout. The press and the pulpit have unreservedly commended the book as a masterpiece of learning and a treasury of facts. Among church papers that have devoted space to it appreciatively are the *Independent*, *Outlook*, *Evangelist*, *Congregationalist*, *Presbyterian*, *Churchman*, *Baptist Outlook*, *The Christian Nation*, etc. Summarized the contents are as follows:—

Note by the Editor, List of Contributors, Note by the Publishers, List of Illustrations, Index, Arabic Words used in Names of places, etc., Abbreviations.

SECTION I.—General Introduction.—Bible Study, Bible Study for Sunday-school Teachers, Our English Bible, The Title of the Bible, Origin of Alphabets.

SECTION II.—The Old Testament.—Language and Text, Canon of the Old Testament, Transmission of the Old Testament, The Divine Library, Book of Genesis, Monumental Testimony to the Old Testament—Part I. The Books of the Old Testament.

SECTION III.—The New Testament.—Language and Text, Introduction, Text.

SECTION IV.—History and Chronology of the Bible.—History of the Patriarchs, The Exodus, and the Crossing of the Red Sea, Chronology of the Bible, History and Chronology of the Nations of the Bible, Jewish History from Ezra to Christ, The Herodian Family, The Life of Jesus, The Parables and Miracles of Jesus, The Early Life of St. Paul, The Travels of St. Paul.

SECTION V.—Geography of Bible Lands.—Palestine: Its Historical and Physical Geography, Palestine: Its Geology, Topography of Bible Lands, Mountains of the Bible, Rivers and Lakes of the Bible.

SECTION VI.—Treasury of Bible Science.—Astronomy of the Bible, Birds, Mammals, Minerals, Plants, Reptiles, Fishes, Insects, etc.

SECTION VII.—Treasury of Antiquities, Etc.—(Alphabetically arranged,) Calendar of the Hebrews, Jewish Worship, Feasts, etc., Money and Coins, Weights.

SECTION VIII.—The Apocrypha.—Book of Baruch and Epistle of Jeremiah, The Prayer of Manasses, The Song of the Three Children, The Story of Susanna and the Elders, Bel and the Dragon, Additions to Esther, 1 and 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Maccabees.

SECTION IX.—Combined Concordance. (Containing Under One Alphabet) A new Concordance to the Authorized and Revised Versions, combined with a Subject Index, Pronouncing Dictionary of Scripture Proper Names, diacritically marked for their pronunciation with meaning, Obsolete and ambiguous words, Names, Titles, and Offices of Christ, by Prof. Ira M. Price, Ph.D., Chicago

Life and Work of Christ from Scripture Texts, Incidents in the Old Testament referred to in the New Testament, Passages quoted or paraphrased in the New Testament from the Old. There are also Twelve Maps and a new Indexed Bible Atlas.