

is no error in the dicta of the passing deductive or Scholastic school, and thus to bring all modern enquiry to its bar, is as bigotted, nay, as insane a proceeding as ever men pretending to science and a love of truth were guilty of. The citadel of the faith is beleagured. The enemy's artillery has made a breach in its defences. A regiment of brave men, heedless of personal danger, dashes forward to fill the breach with living active bodies to replace the crumbling stone walls of the dead centuries. They are your own men, their tunics red with faith in the blood of redemption, their facings blue as the Covenant sky. Do you hail them with a joyous shout as brothers in the host of the King? Yes, the true hearted, the lovers and defenders of Zion, greet them with a cheer. But others cry, "See, they are kicking the fallen stones away to make room for their defence and attack; they are in the way of our great guns; their helmet plates bear the name of no reputable theologian, but the heretical letters, SS (Scrutamini Scripturas). Down with traitors, take them prisoners, leave the enemy alone for a while, and turn all our artillery upon these impudent intruders!" This is being sound perhaps, but not charitable; it is the sounding of brass without even the pleasant accompaniment of the tinkling cymbal.

In the Theological Monthly for July, the successor in some respects of the old British and Foreign Quarterly, there is a good, though somewhat sweeping critique of the higher criticism, by another American, Dr. N. West, especially with regard to its treatment of the Prophecy of Isaiah, the integrity of which Dr. West contends for. I confess to much sympathy with Dr. West's view, and to a total lack of sympathy with the destructive criticism and everything that tends to impair faith in the supernatural. Dr. Orr discourses of John Stuart Mill and Christianity; Edward Naville on Philosophy and Religion; J. Cuthbert Hadden on The Author of Tullochgorum, while Mr. Wratlaw and Dr. Paton Gloag write exegetical notes on John xix, 10, 11, and II Corinthians, 5, 16. The Review of Current Literature is brief, but includes a notice of The Canadian Methodist Quarterly. An exceedingly readable magazine is the August number of The Church at Home and Abroad, published by order of the American General Assembly. While devoted to the mission work of The Presbyterian Church in the United States, it takes a wide outlook, not inferior to that of The Missionary Review of the World. The Quarterly Registers of the Presbyterian Alliance are always full of interest, and those for May and August are brim full of news concerning the churches of many lands. It would do all our ministers and office-bearers, yes, and our members also, much good to read the Register from time to time, and learn how great is our Presbyterian heritage, how wide should be our sympathies, how large are our responsibilities. There is abundant cure for narrowness and sectionalism within the Presbyterian fold.

