

The discourses which Dr. Dods here furnishes are full of sound sense and wise advice. They discuss with considerable fulness the various subjects treated of in Paul's famous Epistle, and any one who takes up the work and reads carefully one of the chapters may be sure to find food for fruitful thought, and will probably return to it with a re-invigorated mind. The book has an instructive introduction, and would be all the better for an index. It is well printed and handsomely got up.

*Christ and the Church* (12) consists of ten lectures by Dr. Adolph Saphir on St. Matthew xxviii. 18-20, in which he states his views on the Apostolic Commission. Dr. Saphir treats of such subjects as the omnipotence of the Risen Saviour, the omnipotence of Jesus on earth, the character of the Church, the relation of the Church to the world, and the Real Presence. "Man," says the learned author, "is created in God's image; the whole race is one family, fallen in Adam. Unto the whole race Christ is sent; He is given unto man as man; a new centre to the whole family of mankind. Now, Scripture, and Scripture only, teaches this grand truth about mankind. Here alone is the true idea of humanity; here alone is true catholicity. The foundation is in the five books of Moses and the prophets, the fulfilment is in Christ, as revealed by the evangelists and Apostles." It will thus be seen that Dr. Saphir is not affected in his teaching by the "new learning" of the present day; but he can, nevertheless, give a good reason for the faith that is in him. The work before us contains no support to those notions of sacerdotalism which finds advocates in some quarters; but it is a plain, sensible, and sound treatise on a subject which is of commanding importance, and it deserves to be widely read and deeply pondered.

As might be expected, the *Letters from a Mystic of the Present Day* (13) are written in a somewhat mysterious style, and the get-up of the work gives it an uncommon aspect. But the printing is good, and the thoughts and ideas contained in the book are worth considering. They are often put forward in a novel manner, and while we cannot agree with all, there are very many which are striking, original, and useful. The author is anxious to impress upon his readers the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit on the individual heart, and herein most people will agree with him; though whether they would also consent to his dicta about missionary meetings, London life, vicarious sacrifice, belief in Jesus Christ is another matter. There is much in the work to commend, a good deal to