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*American Baptist Publication Society.* "Commentary on the Revelation," by Justin A. Smith, D.D. There seems to be a passion for explaining this difficult portion of Scripture. The present work is a learned, careful, and, on the whole, judicious exposition. We do not think it better than Dr. Macdonald's, which the author does not name in his list of writers upon Revelation. The author's theory of interpretation may be called eclectic, and represents chiefly the views of Alford, Ellicott and Lange, and Moses Stuart and Dusterdieck in matters of critical exegesis.—"Harmonic Arrangement of the Acts of the Apostles," by George W. Clark, D.D. Same publisher. The author's "Harmony of the Gospels," and "Notes on the Gospels," are already before the public. The relation between the Acts and the Gospels is very intimate, and it is desirable to study them in immediate connection. This carefully prepared volume will greatly facilitate the doing of it.

*The Presbyterian Board of Publication* sends us "A Pastor's Sketches," by I. S. Spencer, D.D. We are glad that a new edition of this remarkable work has been issued. Well do we recall the intense interest it awakened thirty years ago, when first published. Scores of editions of it were sold in this country, and it was equally popular abroad, not only in Great Britain, but on the Continent. Never did a book receive stronger commendations from the press and from eminent men of all creeds. It is a work of absorbing interest. The sketches are all from real life, and drawn by a master hand. To the pastor, as a guide in dealing with "anxious inquirers," with "skeptics," and all classes of men, it is invaluable. It has been lost sight of by our younger clergy; but it is just as interesting, as instructive, as real and powerful to-day as when first it saw the light. Before his death (only three years after publication) the author assured the present writer that he had received testimonials that God had blessed it to the conversion of more than two hundred souls. May God give it a glorious resurrection under its new auspices!

From *Carter & Brothers* we have "Hands Full

of Honey," and other sermons preached in 1883 by C. H. Spurgeon. It has been well said, "No man need trouble himself to either praise or criticize the sermons of Spurgeon." They have been read everywhere. He has no superior as an evangelical, effective preacher. These sermons are as fresh and full of thought and fire and power as any he preached when a much younger man.

*Funk & Wagnalls.* "Meyer on the Epistle to the Romans." The scholarship of Christendom has produced no better commentary on the New Testament than Meyer's. The ablest critics of England, Scotland, Germany and America commend it strongly. The "Prince of Exegetes" has given in this work the mature fruit of his extraordinary qualities and of his life studies. Orthodox, as against the "destructive" school of critics, independent and thorough in his investigations, and master of the entire literature of the subject, the work is invaluable to the student of the Word of God, and especially to the preacher. With rare judgment and insight he seizes on the gist of the text, and leaves the reader to form his own judgment and make the application. The careful and scholarly services of the American editor, Prof. Dwight, of Yale College, greatly enhance the value of this volume on Romans over the English edition, which forms the basis of it.—"The Clew of the Maze," and "The Spare Half-Hour," by Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon. "Standard Library Series." Same publishers. Whatever this wonderful man writes or preaches has character in it and a purpose, and is well worth reading and hearing. In the first part of this little book he lifts his voice in favor of "HONEST FAITH" as against "HONEST DOUBT." Brief, pithy and to the point are his words. It is admirably adapted to meet and refute the popular superficial, self-conceited skepticism of the times. The second part contains brief essays on various topics—some autobiographical, others descriptive, and all very readable.—"The Dance of Modern Society," by W. C. Wilkinson, D.D. Same publishers. Such a book is timely in no common degree. Christian parents and pastors are greatly troubled over the subject of "amusements." The rage for the dance has become intense and epidemic; and "The Dance of Modern Society" expresses the character of it. It is discussed here with boldness and vigor and telling effect, and yet with delicacy and admirable temper. Under Dr. Wilkinson's graphic, sparkling and caustic pen, the "dance," now so fashionable in "society," is stripped of its thin disguise, and is revealed in all its hideous moral features. If Christian ministers and parents can countenance it after reading this pungent and scathing book—well, we pity them.

*A. D. F. Randolph & Co.* "The Pulpit Commentary," edited by Canon Spencer and other eminent scholars. This American edition is from duplicate stereotype plates of the London edition. In England, 13 volumes in all have