

## BOOK NOTICES.

*The Life and Writings of St. John.*  
By JAMES M. MACDONALD, D.D.  
8vo. pp. xxxvi. 436—\$5.00. London: Hodder and Stoughton.

In this book Dr. Macdonald, the learned Vice-president of Princeton College, has done for the Life and Writings of St. John, what Conybeare and Howson have done for the Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *i.e.*, prepared the most exhaustive and scholarly treatment on the subject in the English language. A pathetic interest is given to the work from the fact that its accomplished author ceased from his earthly labours while the sheets were passing through the press. As was fitting, a distinguished English scholar—Dean Howson—contributes a lengthy introduction in his own lucid and luminous manner. The book is the result of an exhaustive study of the period treated, as well as of the most recent biblical criticism. It is scarcely necessary to say that our author successfully defends the Johannine authorship of the synoptic Gospel against the attacks of Strauss and the Tübingen School. The analysis and account of the Apocalypse is of peculiar value, and judiciously modest in interpretation. Of course we cannot adequately notice this important book in the space at our command. It is well illustrated with cuts and maps.

*The Popular Science Monthly Supplement.* New York: D. Appleton & Co.

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*The Pictorial Bible and Commentator for Young People.* By INGRAM COBBIN, M.A. 8vo., pp. 707. Philadelphia: Bradley, Garretson & Co.

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