

Book Notices.

The Holy Land and the Bible. By CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE, D.D., with original illustrations by H. A. HARPER. London, Paris, New York and Melbourne: Cassel & Co., Limited. Toronto: William Briggs. Quarto, pp. 948. Price, \$5.00.

There is a perennial interest about our Lord's land which makes welcome each new volume of illustrations and description of its sacred scenes. Few writers have brought to their task such ample preparation, such broad Biblical scholarship, and such a charming literary style, as Dr. Cunningham Geikie. For a lifetime he has been a diligent student of the Sacred Book and of the vast and various literature written upon it. He traversed the land, its highways and its byways from end to end, from Hebron to Damascus, from Jaffa to Jericho.

The text abounds in incidents of travel, with copious references to passages of Scripture connected with Bourinot's book of sacred sites and scenes. An admirable coloured folding map accompanies the volume. Its most striking feature is the original illustrations by the accomplished artist, Mr. H. A. Harper, who accompanied Dr. Geikie for the purpose of making them. These engravings, of which there are many hundreds, are not cheap process cuts, nor crude photos with their high lights and black shadows, but careful line engravings interpreting the artist's thought. These cuts illustrate especially costumes and customs more truthfully, as well as more artistically, than the harsh photograph so difficult to render into a black and white engraving.

Every phase of Eastern life, in tent and field, in house and garden, in mosque and market, the manners and customs, which are such a perpetual commentary upon the Scriptures, are all

admirably shown. It has been well said that the Holy Land is a fifth Gospel, and is itself the best commentary on the words and life of our blessed Lord.

By arrangement with the firm of Cassel & Co., we present in connection with our own "Tent Life in Palestine," some of the most interesting and instructive of those handsome engravings.

The Law of Psychic Phenomena.

A working hypothesis for the systematic study of hypnotism, spiritism, mental therapeutics, etc. By J. A. HUDSON. Chicago: A. C. McClung & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 409. Price, \$1.50.

The new psychology is a much wider and more comprehensive study than the old metaphysics. It takes cognizance not only of the mind but largely of the physical organ through which it works, the brain and the nervous system. There are a number of strange manifestations, on the borderland between the physical and the spiritual that have long been the subjects of credulous belief or of arrant scepticism, such as mesmerism, hypnotism, telepathy and kindred phenomena.

The following is the author's statement of the object of his book :

"My primary object in offering it to the public is to assist in bringing psychology within the domain of the exact sciences. That this has never been accomplished is owing to the fact that no successful attempt has been made to formulate a working hypothesis sufficiently comprehensive to embrace all psychic phenomena. It has, however, long been felt by the ablest thinkers of our time that all psychic manifestations of the human intellect, normal or abnormal, whether designated by the name of mesmerism, hypnotism, somnambulism, trance, spiritism, demonology, miracle, mental