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The Cambridge Bible, so modest in claims and appearance, is highly valued and widely known. Of the Introduction to this volume we have only to say that it is marked by historical interest, clearness, and fulness, and the Notes treat of the text with scholarly brevity and great insight.

In view of the fact that the International Sunday School Lessons from July to December, 1891, are on the Fourth Gospel, we have great satisfaction in reviewing the two editions above mentioned. Dr. Plummer has discharged his work in a manner worthy of its importance and his own high qualifications. The Introduction is extremely valuable and the Notes are in every way admirable in their real helpfulness. But the theme of the Gospel is indeed inexhaustible, and in the larger Hand-Book of St. John's Gospel we have another excellent commentary in which possibly more attention is paid to the Higher Criticism and to general description.

This book, too, will be a great help to students of the Bible.

Savonarola. By William Clark, M.A., LL.D. (Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.)

The historical lectures on Savonarola, delivered in Toronto and elsewhere by the learned Professor of Philosophy in Trinity College, are already known to many of our readers, who will be glad to hear that Prof. Clark has recently published a history of the great Florentine preacher and the times in which he lived. Girolamo Savonarola, his character and influence, his life of self denial, his preaching and teaching, and the treatment meted out to him by the citizens of the city he had saved is a congenial theme for one who is an earnest student and teacher of history and a preacher of spiritual insight and power himself. We fancy that the author is at his best in the chapters which show this side of his subject and deal with the personal influence of one who, as Dean Stanley says, is, of all modern preachers, the one most like the Old Testament prophets. Dr. Clark has availed himself of the original documents, as well as of other works on the same subject. We need hardly add words of commendation, for the excellence of Dr. Clark's work is known and appreciated here. But we will venture to express the hope and expectation that other works from his pen will follow this. There are many in this country and elsewhere to whom the issue in permanent form of his sermons would be of no little advantage and help.

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