

at times to see exactly what the commentator means to convey ; but the attention which has to be given will in all cases be amply repaid. He does not avoid, nor does he slur over any difficulty ; and, though he is fully aware of rationalistic objections to the narrative he is elucidating, Dr. Delitzsch maintains the orthodox belief, and gives reasons which are quite as cogent, and in our idea more convincing, than any which can be alleged to the contrary. The Commentary is a learned book fitted for learned men, and it would be well if many who consider that wisdom can only be attained by the study of "science" were able to read and thoroughly appreciate the vast stores of knowledge which are contained in this monumental work of the great German scholar.

*The Manual of Biblical Archaeology* (2) is not a Commentary in the usual acceptation of the term, and yet it is a Commentary in a very real sense, and a most useful help in reading the Scriptures, not only to the student who wants authoritative assistance in the elucidation of Holy Writ, but also to the ordinary reader who will be much interested in the vast stores of information which Dr. Keil has so carefully arranged. The second volume, now before us, contains six chapters on Jewish worship ; but is mainly taken up with the social relations of the Israelites. Under the head of Domestic Relations are chapters about the dwellings of the Israelites, their food, and clothing. Then follow the nature and character of marriages ; the upbringing of children, the treatment of servants, and domestic inmates, and family life in general. Then we find the occupation of the Israelites—agriculture, cattle rearing, trade and industry, science and art, and lastly their State relations, constitution, government, laws, and political standing towards other people. On all these subjects much information is afforded, and the authorities are given, so that the student is guided to the literature bearing on any point. Dr. Keil's remarks on the scape-goat, and on the division of animals into clean and unclean, are suggestive, even if somewhat fanciful. The notes are printed after each section in the same type, only with a little less spacing, so that constant looking at the foot of the page or appendix is avoided. It is hardly necessary to add that the volume is got up with Messrs. Clark's usual care ; and it is in every way worthy of standing along with its companions on a shelf ready to hand, for we feel sure it will be often consulted with advantage by all those who wish to attain an accurate knowledge of the meaning of Holy Writ.