

"The Christian Doctrine of the Lord's Supper." By the Rev. Robert M. Adamson, M.A. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xi-288.

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and in the great sacrifice which it commemorates, is embodied the very essence of Christian doctrine. The frequent recurrence of its celebration make it much more prominent than even the sacrament of baptism. The errors which early crept into the Church in connection with the observance of this Christian covenant, and the idolatrous superstitions which followed, make the study of this doctrine and its development one of peculiar importance. The author studies the rise and growth of the sacrificial idea in the Old Testament, and its unfolding in the New. He traces the doctrine through the Greek Church, the development of reform doctrine, presents a constructive restatement of its meaning, traces it in the liturgies of the Church, in devotional literature, and devotes a chapter to its practical aspects. The book is a wise and thoughtful treatment of a very important topic.

"Outlines of the Life of Christ." By W. Sanday, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. vi-241.

More than ever is the Matchless Life being made the study of the best mind and thought of Christendom. In this compendious volume is presented the substance of Professor Sanday's admirable contribution to Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, under the title of "Jesus Christ." A survey of the conditions, historical and geographical, under which our Lord became manifest in the flesh, is first given; then follows the discussion of His early and later ministry. His teaching and miracles, and a supplemental chapter on the recent theories of the Nativity and the Infancy, and, finally, the verdict of history on this important subject.

"The Evangelistic Note." By W. J. Dawson. Author of "The Reproach of Christ," etc., etc. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 282. Price, \$1.25 net.

We have presented in these pages an account of Dr. Dawson's evangelistic work in his own land and in the United

States. This book describes out of his own heart the new joy which came to himself as he preached with unwonted power and success the Gospel of salvation to the uttermost in the midnight mission to the lapsed classes of Brighton. Previous to this Dr. Dawson had been more of the graceful litterateur than of the prophet. But a new note came into his life and sermons, a new commission to arouse the churches to their noblest duty, an aggressive evangelism, which is but the old message of early Methodism. These sermons have a literary grace, which is not always associated with a spiritual unction. They treat such important themes as the Social Significance of Christian Love, the Unavoidable Christ, God Waiting Man's Answer, the Seasons of the Soul, Christ Among the Common Things of Life.

"The Sainly Calling." By James Mudge, D.D. Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 260. Price, \$1.00.

Dr. Mudge is one of the clearest and strongest writers of American Methodism. His style is terse and strong and clear. We repeat our criticism of his book on "The Land of Faith," which applies as well to this volume: "There is a beauty of language and thought, without waste of words—short, bright, crisp sentences, containing the very meat of the Word." Philosophy is described as history teaching by example, so also is religion. Short chapters are devoted to typical characters. The great names of Jonathan Edwards, Wesley, Fletcher, Judson, Finney, Drummond, Moody, and Gladstone are supplemented by the stirring story of Cookman, Vassar, Charles G. Gordon, and others of the fellowship of saints.

"Burden-Bearing and Other Sermons." By John Rhey Thompson. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 261.

The grip of the Gospel upon the hearts and minds of men is shown by the continual issues from the press of successive volumes of discussion and exposition of the great verities of the faith. These, in this volume, are strong, clear, evangelical sermons, presenting the very marrow and fatness of the Gospel. One of the sermons has a special human interest, that on the death of Bishop Simpson, a man greatly beloved, who was greatly owned and honored of God.