

and the Western Churches. But it is among the preachers of Germany that Dr. Ker is most at home, and his lectures on preaching in Reformation times, the preaching of the Pietists and of the Illuminism, of Schleiermacher and Tholuck and their schools, of Hofacker and Harms, Stier and Krummacher, and their schools, and of recent and present German preaching—it is in the treatment of this part of his subject that Dr. Ker is without an equal among English writers. Dr. W. M. Taylor, of New York, himself a sermonizer with few superiors, says in his introduction to the present volume that while it is not, strictly speaking, a work on Homiletics, his criticisms on the men who come up before him for review are often more valuable than direct disquisitions on the making of sermons would have been. We again heartily commend the book to all thoughtful preachers to whom it will prove itself more helpful than most helps for the pulpit.

REPORTS of addresses at Conferences usually make poor reading. One does not therefore expect much new or convincing in a neatly made volume of addresses delivered at a Premillennial convention held in Edinburgh in October last; and one is not disappointed. There is little in it that is either convincing or edifying. Those who hold the views advocated do not need this book to confirm them, and those who do not will not find anything in it to convince them. Indeed these addresses seem better fitted for pious excitation than for instruction. If Premillenarianism has no stronger advocates than those who appeared at the Edinburgh convention we do not wonder that as a power in Scottish theology it is dead and buried and embalmed. We have heard addresses—not very many—at the Niagara conferences that commanded our best attention and put us on the defensive; but one could attend conferences like this Edinburgh one for a month, and, notwithstanding he names of good men like the Benars, never feel it necessary to revise one's Postmillennial views.

*THE PERSONAL AND PREMILLENNIAL COMING OF OUR LORD. Addresses delivered at a Convention held in Edinburgh, October, 1888. Edinburgh: Macniven & Wallace.

Here and Away.

THE General Assembly quite overshadows this Department this month. The only sound we can hear is something about lists and billets and committees.

WE can bear testimony to the faithfulness of the Committee on Arrangements. If this will not be the pleasantest Assembly it will not be their fault.