## CURRENT LITERATURE.

**Pamphlets.** Ignatian Difficulties and Historic Doubts (1) is a letter addressed to the Dean of Peterborough, by the Rev. R. C. Jenkins, on a subject which is of great importance from several points of view. Mr. Jenkins alleges several reasons for doubting the authenticity and the antiquity of the letters of Ignatius, and therefore what small importance attaches to them. This pamphlet is an able and thoughtful production.

The Origin of Scripture on its Divine and Human Sides (2) is a contribution to the present Biblical discussion by Rev. John Wilson, of Montreux. It is a pleasantly worded essay, and is worth reading; the conclusion Mr. Wilson has arrived at is, that Scripture revelation implies four things. 1. The Divine mind and its ideas and purposes; 2. The ideas in the mind of the inspired writer; 3. The written records; 4. Our interpretation of these records. "It is only of the first of these that we can presuppose absolute perfection."

In two essays on the Origin and Development of the Trinitarian Doctrine (3), Ernest de Bunsen attempts to prove that the doctrine is, in the first place, only a form of solar myth which was understood by the "initiated" heathen in anti-Christian times; and secondly, that there is no Biblical authority or any Church authority for it. "Ascending humanity, not descending deity, was the theme of Jesus Christ's Gospel." The author says that this being so, a revision of the Creeds and the Common Prayer Book of the Church of England ought no longer to be resisted, and we may add, that if it be true as the author says, then another Bible revision is also necessary, for there is plenty of proof of the Doctrine of the Trinity in the one we now have.

*How our Freedom was Won* (4) is a survey of the Epistle to the Galatians, from which Mr. Rotherham comes to the opinion that Christians are free from creeds, church regulations, discipline, ritual, and everything else apparently. But Mr. Rotherham's opinions are peculiar.

What did the Apostle Paul mean? (5) is an attempt to explain St. Paul's intention, in Romans chap. ix. and other places, with regard to election, &c. If it be difficult to ascertain St. Paul's meaning, it is quite as difficult to know what Mr. Weir means. So things are not much advanced by this *brochure*.

(1) Ignatian Difficulties. By R. C. Jenkins, M.A. London: David Nutt. 1890.

(2) The Origin of Scripture. By John Wilson, M.A. Edinburgh : McNiven & Wallace. 1890.

(3) Origin and Development of the Trinitarian Doctrine. By Ernest de Bunsen. London: Williams & Norgate.

(4) How our Freedom was Won. By Joseph B. Rotherham. London: Elliot Stock. 1890. Price 2d.

(5) What did the Apostle Paul mean? By John F. Weir.

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