

*The Comprehensive Scripture Lesson Scheme.* The teacher's catechising Bible the Acts of the Apostles. By the REV. CHAS. NEIL, M.A., Vicar of St. Mathias Poplar. London: James Nisbet & Co., 21 Berners Street. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, 70 cents.

The lessons for a good part of the year of 1897 will be on the life of St. Paul. Already the publishers are issuing books for the study of this important theme. One of these which has much to commend it is the book above mentioned. The special note of this book is what the author calls the structural display and self-interpreting edition of the revised version of the Acts of the Apostles. By means of black letter and italic heads and sub-heads and printing the text in bracketed sections, the logical connection and inter-dependence of the clauses are very clearly shown. To this is added a synopsis of the Acts of the Apostles, with maps of St. Paul's missionary journeys.

*Christianity Vindicated by its Enemies.* By DANIEL DORCHESTER, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

Dr. Dorchester is well known for his valiant services rendered Christianity by his great work on "The Problem of Religious Progress," one of the best antidotes to pessimism and infidelity which has ever been published. In the present little volume he presents a subject of vast scope and importance in a very condensed form. It cannot fail to be of much value, especially to young people who are brought into contact with the varied forms of skepticism.

*Books for Bible Students.* Edited by the REV. ARTHUR E. GREGORY; "Scripture and its Witnesses." By PROFESSOR S. J. BANKS. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

The Wesleyan Conference Office, London, is issuing an admirable series of books which will be of great value, not only to the large class of ministers and local preachers, but to Sunday-school teachers and thoughtful Bible readers everywhere. The witness of Scripture to itself is cited from prophecy, from the life of our Lord, from history from miracles, from the resurrection of Jesus, and most potent of all, the witness of personal experience.

*The Divine Parable of History,* a Concise Exposition of the Revelation of St. John the Divine. By H. ARTHUR SMITH, M.A., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

The Book of Revelation is one of the most important yet one of the most difficult portions of Holy Scripture. Its prophecies seem to us like the instructions we used to get in threading the little-known parts of Canada many

years ago—very difficult to follow, yet plain enough after once being over the route; so the prophetic parts of this book seem to us not to give us a key to the future, but to be a perpetual testimony of the divine inspiration of the Word of God after events shall have taken place. So many varying and false interpretations of the book have been set forth, that it is only with modesty that one can venture to speak on this subject. Our author gives his own interpretation, the comments on the historical part striking us as an exceedingly judicious interpretation. Of the prophetic part we cannot speak so confidently. The fall of Babylon we think is judiciously shown to refer to the destruction of pagan Rome, instead of, as is sometimes assumed, to Papal Rome.

*Books for Bible Students.* Edited by the REV. ARTHUR E. GREGORY; the "Books of the Prophets." By G. G. FINDLAY, B.A., Vol. 1. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is the first of three volumes in which it is intended to furnish a continuous historical introduction to the Books of the Prophets. Its method is that of comparative and historical inquiry—what is known as "the inductive method." "We shall ask of each prophet," says the author, "who and what he was, and what he meant to say to the men of his time; and we shall further ask, how he stood related to his fellow prophets, and what part he took in the common cause and the collective work of the prophetic order." The present volume comes down to the fall of Samaria, and treats of the pre-Assyrian age, the Assyrian-Israelite age and the Assyrian-Judean age. The method of the writer is eminently judicious and judicial. He summarizes the best conservative thought on this important subject. The inductive method is unquestionably the only proper and scientific method.

*The Testimony of History to the Truth of Scripture,* Historical Illustrations of the Old Testament, gathered from Ancient Records, Monuments and Inscriptions. By REV. GEORGE RAWLINSON, M.A., Camden Professor of Ancient History, Oxford; author of "The Seven Great Oriental Monarchies," etc., with additions by PROF. HORATIO B. HACKETT, D.D., LL.D., and a Preface by H. L. HASTINGS, Editor of *The Christian*. Boston: H. L. Hastings, Scriptural Tract Repository. Toronto: William Briggs.

Mr. Hastings has the distinction of having issued more books of an anti-infidel character than any publisher whom we know. Some hundred tons of his anti-infidel literature have been published. Rawlinson's great works on the ancient monarchies are a classic. The substance of these, in their Biblical illustrations, are here condensed into a handy volume and brought within the reach of the million.