

interest, to a record of Christian piety and philanthropy. These are shown to be the crowning graces of "Applied Christianity." The book is well indexed, and we must not omit to mention the eight excellent coloured maps, illustrating the text, and an ingenious chart of religious statistics.

The Evolution of Episcopacy and Organic Methodism. By the REV. T. B. NEELY, PH.D., D.D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 448. Price \$1.50.

This book will be of more interest to our Methodist Episcopal friends than those who belong to non-Episcopal churches. It discusses an important aspect of ecclesiastical history. John Wesley's views on Episcopacy, ordination and church government, are very distinctly given. Those who expect to find therein any support for the theory of the tactual communication of apostolic grace, will be disappointed. The Episcopate of the Primitive Church is investigated and the author concludes, that it is in thorough harmony with that of the Methodist Church of the United States. In this conclusion we think that he is quite correct.

Palestine in the Time of Christ. By EDMOND STAFFER, D.D., translated by ANNIE HARWOOD HOLMDEN. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Toronto: William Briggs.

We are not aware of any work that fills the place of this one. Delitzsch's "Day in Jerusalem," and "Jewish Artisan Life in the Time of Christ," briefly treat one of the topics. This work covers the whole field of the social and religious life of the Jew in the first century. Its object is to facilitate the intelligent reading of the Gospels. This it does by giving us first, the geography of the Gospels, then an account of the home life, the dwellings, the public life, the literature, arts, science, administration of justice, etc., of the Jews. A still more important section treats of their religious life, of their

schools of philosophy and doctrine, of the synagogue, the temple, the feasts, the fasts, the rites, the ceremonies, etc. That the work is well done is evidenced by the fact that this is the third edition, revised and enlarged. The style of the work is marked by that literary charm in which the French excel. Note a single example: "Judaism succumbed in the first century, but the pharisees and doctors of the law succeeded in embalming its corpse. Thanks to their labours, Judaism still subsists in the form of a mummy. It is dead like all other mummies, but it is marvellously preserved." This book is of such importance that, we have placed it in the hands of an expert for a more adequate review.

Light in Darkness; or, Missions and Missionary Heroes. By REV. J. E. GODBEY, D.D., and A. H. GODBEY, A.M. 8vo, pp. 768. Illustrated. St. Louis, Mo.: Holloway & Co.

This book is comprehensive in its scope, giving, not only a graphic history of the missionary work in all lands from the organization of the first mission, and the Christian heroes and martyrs who perilled their lives for the heathen, but it also describes the customs, habits, superstitions, and curious character of the wild races of the world. The book has a large number of illustrations, some three hundred. The subject is of surpassing interest, and the narration is one stranger than fiction, and illustrating the highest moral and religious heroism.

Prize Essays on Systematic Giving. By Revs. C. A. COOK and J. C. SEYMOUR. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 50 cents.

These are the two essays between which was divided the prize of \$250 given by a gentleman who takes a deep interest in the subject. The essays were so nearly of equal merit that the adjudicators were unable to decide between them. They both treat the important subject of proportionate and systematic giving in a very forcible manner. Were only the