

the people, to show their inestimable value, that those to whom they minister may become "rich unto salvation."

Many of the rich deposits of truth are hidden even from the most diligent workman; he must use all means possible to discover these; and how often there comes to the devoted, cultured mind an illumination that shows the treasures lying in a text or passage hitherto regarded as almost barren.

No one need feel that he will sacrifice his own independence of research by examining a text in the light reflected by others; the texts are not depleted by elucidations, but on the contrary, the elucidations serve to suggest trains of thought which, in the subtle play of action, other minds will frequently lead up to ideas which eluded even the commentators.

This work is not of the nature of a labour-saving machine. Its purpose is to furnish fructifying germs, calling for abundance of labour, but designed to render the labour in the highest degree fruitful.

Genesis I. and Modern Science. By CHARLES B. WARRING, Ph.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.00.

This is one of the ablest discussions of the relations of science and the revelation that we have read. Dr. Warring, who has for many years made this and cognate subjects a profound study, in this volume successfully meets, we think, most of the current objections of a pseudo-science to the statements of holy Scripture as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis. To give point and force to these objections, he puts them in the mouth of a scientific professor, who urges them "for all they are worth," to use a current phrase. The objections are clearly and strongly stated, and as clearly and strongly met. The author shows that most of these objections lie against, not what Moses said, but against the glosses and interpretations which have been put upon Moses by his various commentators.

When the conclusions of science are compared with what Moses really did say, the most marvellous coincidences are made apparent, coincidences which by the doctrine of probabilities would be simply incomprehensible if they had not been the result of divine revelation. The book is exceedingly readable, and contains in less than two hundred and fifty pages an admirable demonstration, on the basis of the latest science, of the wonderful inerrancy of the sublime Hymn of Creation, which forms the prelude to the Scriptures of Holy Writ.

The Lord's Prayer—Seven Homilies. By WASHINGTON GLADDEN. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Pp. 198. Price, \$1.25.

Dr. Gladden has won a noble fame as a plain interpreter of the Word of God and of the application of religion to everyday life. His book on "Applied Christianity," and other practical works, have been of great service to the cause of religious truth. The present volume, he tells us, was suggested by the short but incisive letters of Mr. John Ruskin to an English clergyman, and published in the *Contemporary Review*. One of these questions is as follows: "Can this Gospel of Christ be put into such plain words and short terms that a plain man can understand it?" Among these plain words he thinks the Lord's prayer fundamental. This is the idea which Dr. Gladden takes up and works out. In the busy hurry of modern life the habit of thoughtful meditation and devout and earnest prayer is too often apt to be overlooked. This book will be greatly helpful as a corrective to this fault. The author unfolds the beauty and depth of meaning of the matchless prayer of our Lord, and shows its universal application and its adaptation to all men's needs. Those who read this volume will doubtless find new meaning in those sacred words with which every child in Christendom becomes familiar at its mother's knee.