

Book Notices.

"The Jewish Encyclopedia." A Descriptive Record of the History, Religion, Literature and Customs of the Jewish People from the Earliest Times to the Present Day. Prepared by more than Four Hundred Scholars and Specialists. Isidore Singer, Ph.D., Projector and Managing Editor. Complete in twelve volumes. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xxxviii - 685-xxxvii.

This is the most comprehensive enterprise which even this great house has undertaken. Its editions of the Schaff-Herzog Cyclopedia and Standard Dictionary, great achievements as these were, were of far less magnitude than this cyclopedia, which will fill twelve volumes of 8,000 pages, with 2,000 illustrations, and will cost about three-quarters of a million dollars. Over four hundred Hebrew and Christian scholars will contribute to its pages. It is the most full and adequate presentation of the history, antiquities, religion and literature of the Jewish people ever given to the world. The time is ripe for such a production. A new and profound interest is being created in all that pertains to God's chosen people. Amid the persecutions and wrongs which they have endured we have reason to be proud of the record of Great Britain and her colonies in this regard. Nowhere are they so free, nowhere do they receive such ample vindication and protection as under the British flag, and nowhere have they risen to higher honour and greater wealth and exhibited more loyalty. Not merely is the archaeological aspect of Judaism fully treated, as in the sixteen pages devoted to the apocalyptic and apocryphal writings of the Jews, but also the most recent economic developments, as in the twenty pages given to Jewish agricultural colonies throughout the world, including several in Canada. The book is well illustrated and admirably printed and bound.

"Lessons from Work." By Brooke Foss Westcott, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Durham. London: Macmillan & Co. New York: The Macmillan Co. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Pp. x-451.

Like a voice from the other world comes this latest volume of the great

Christian scholar who has now passed into the skies. It deals not with the technicalities of learning of which he was such a master, but with the more practical side of Christian duty. "The great aim has been to show how the central fact of all history, the Life of Life, the incarnation of our Lord, illuminates the problems which meet us alike in our daily work and in our boldest speculations." Among the topics treated are The Study of the Bible, Biblical Revision, Biblical Criticism and Social Problems, Prayer the Support of Foreign Missions, Temperance, Organization of Industry, International Concord, Our Attitude toward War, The Empire, and The Spiritual Ministry of Art. Bishop Westcott defends the righteousness of the war in which the nation is engaged, and shows that even the founder of the Quaker sect recognized the "use and actual necessity of force and the resort to the sword of justice." He quotes the words of Israel Pennington, that great co-founder with George Fox of the Society of Friends, as saying: "I speak not against any magistrates or peoples defending themselves against foreign invasion or making use of the sword to suppress the violent and evil-doers within their borders, and a great blessing will attend the sword where it is borne uprightly to that end, and its use will be honourable." The saneness and sageness of these papers will strike every reader. The book is dedicated to the memory of his wife, who was for forty-eight years his unflinching counsel and stay.

"History, Prophecy and the Monuments; or, Israel and the Nations." By James Frederick McCurdy, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Oriental Languages in University College, Toronto. Vol. III. New York: The Macmillan Co. London: Macmillan & Co. Pp. xxiii-470. Price, \$3.00.

This volume completes Professor McCurdy's great work. It is an important addition not merely to the higher literature of our country, but to the biblical scholarship of the world. It is cause for patriotic pride that so masterly a work should proceed from a Canadian scholar in a Canadian university. It has won wide commendation from biblical critics of all lands. This volume is of even