

## Book Reviews.

THE JUDGMENT OF JERUSALEM predicted in Scripture, fulfilled in History.  
By the Rev. Dr. Patton of New York. London: Religious Tract Society. John Young, Yonge Street, Toronto.

This is an excellent book on an excellent theme. Who is there that does not feel a deep interest in the rise, progress, glory, decline, fall, and restoration of Jerusalem? The author seizes one of the above points in the romantic history of this ancient city,—viz., its *Fall*, and concentrates on that event the whole argument of this little volume, in ten chapters. He sketches rapidly the history of the city and temple to the time of Christ, shews its great sin in rejecting Christ, quotes the leading prophecies regarding its doom, and shows from the language of historians, who were ignorant of these prophecies, how they were fulfilled to the minutest particular in the destruction of the city by the Roman army.

It was not to be expected that such a book as this could show any originality in thought or plan; but it shows ability in handling, with clearness in historical details, and it shows sound wisdom in directing these details to urge home on the understanding and conscience of the reader these two great truths,—(1) That God's *Word*, wherein the destruction of Jerusalem was foretold, is *true*; and (2) that God's *government*, which punished with such severity his own people, is *just*. The book is, therefore, an interesting historical volume; it is also a practical discourse on men's duty to believe and obey Christ; and, further, it is chiefly a contribution to the evidence of the truth of the Christian religion, founded on the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Bible, in regard to the desolation of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jews.

With books like this Christian societies should supply the public in rich abundance; and it is with books like this,—as readable as a tale, as full of facts as a school history, as telling in its argument as a college lecture, and as practical and pungent as a Puritan sermon,—it is, we say, with books like this that Christian people should supply copiously their Sabbath school and congregational libraries.

We cannot make room for extracts; but must give this interesting fact, found in a footnote on page 189. It is there stated that *The History of the Jews*, just published in New York by the Jewish Publication Society (p. 279), admits as an indisputable fact, the common story that the workmen, of Julian, the apostate, were driven from their work in trying to rebuild the Jewish temple, by balls of fire bursting forth from the