

out that there was not nearly so much movement about as is commonly supposed; he also shows that while human unbelief was the proximate cause of the long abode in the desert, yet the whole period was ordained of God for the preparation of Israel for a proper entrance upon their promised inheritance. Man's freedom and God's ordination work together in perfect harmony; and the author then points out how clearly Peter puts the double truth at the day of Pentecost (Acts ii. 23). Thus the learned Professor goes from point to point with an abundance of apposite illustration and sound reasoning. The little work is highly to be commended as containing within a reasonable compass a great deal of information especially on points of theology which are now somewhat in dispute; but it has neither a table of contents nor an index; and if these are supplied in a future edition, the value of it will be much enhanced.

Taking *John the Baptist* (3) as the basis of the Congregational Union Lecture for 1874, Dr. Reynolds surrounds his life and character with a vast array of interesting matter, and has furnished a valuable contribution to Christian evidences. It reminds us of Dr. Trench's works on the Parables and Miracles, for like the Archbishop, Dr. Reynolds has read widely, pondered deeply, and brought out of his stores things new and old to illustrate his subject. After pointing out the importance of the Baptist's biography, Dr. Reynolds proceeds to show what is the evidence of the evangelists with regard to it, and this gives an opportunity for glancing at the strictures of Ritschl, Baur, and others, and of examining the speculations of Schleiermacher about the *Magnificat* and other matters. He also touches upon Inspiration—both the afflatus of the prophets and that of the other writers of the sacred books. Dr. Reynolds also discourses of baptism, of miracles, of the priesthood, and of the kingdom of God and of wrath to come, asceticism, and many other topics, not forgetting the obscure sects which arose out of mistaken views of his teaching; also the honour done to him in the Roman Church, and the position assigned to him in Christian art. As the result of his researches, Dr. Reynolds claims that the history of the Baptist does away with many objections to the authenticity of the historical books of the New Testament; and shows the originality of Christ and the superiority of the kingdom of God to the Old Covenant. The work we are glad to see has reached a third edition. It has a good table of contents and an interesting preface.

Dr. Candlish's *Christian Doctrine of God* (4) is the twenty-ninth of the series of handbooks for Bible-classes, edited by the Rev. Marcus Dods and the Rev. Alexander Whyte. It is a small work, but it is