

exegesis is relieved by the indefatigable book-maker, and we have lives of Paul, compendiums of his theology, and even reconstructions of that thing known as his "Inner consciousness." Of Farrar's *Life of St. Paul*, regarded by competent critics as the best thing he has written, it is needless for me to speak here; nor yet of Conybeare and Howson's. We are grateful for these, though occasionally they tell us things about Paul which the apostle himself would probably be surprised to hear.

I have yet one or two books which are not strictly biographical, but which aim at tracing the course of the apostle's thought as influenced by his personal experience. They are combined studies of theology and psychology. The first by a Frenchman, Dr. A. Sabatier*, is well translated by a lady for whose qualifications Mr. Findlay mentioned above stands sponsor. The work is brilliant, written in a most entertaining style with the well known vivacity of good French literature. M. Sabatier believes that the gradual development of Paul's thought can be easily traced in his Epistles and from the fragments of his speeches left us in Acts. In addition to a valuable introduction on the genesis of Paul's theology, there is a more systematic presentation of the doctrine as a whole, after its course has been followed from the earliest to the latest Epistles. There are various positions in which the reader will probably dissent from Sabatier, but Prof. Findlay adds judicious correctives for the unwary student, as well as an admirable defence of the authenticity of the Pastoral Epistles. The book is small but its worth must not be judged by its size, and in highly recommending it I have the support of the almost universal approbation of New Testament scholars.

Dr. Matheson, of Edinburgh is the author of† *The Spiritual Development of St. Paul*, which in 1892 reached a third edition and that within two years. From Dr. Matheson we should expect brilliancy, ingenuity and more than a dash of poetry, combined with a fine spiritual tone. And we are not disappointed. He is decidedly original, indeed he is at times too ingenious to be convincing. But some of his passages are highly suggestive, his style is eloquent, and the book is well worth reading. However,

**The Apostle Paul*, by A. Sabatier; translated by A. M. Hellicar, and edited by G. G. Findlay. London, Holder & Houghton, 7/6.

†*The Spiritual Development of St. Paul*, by George Matheson, D.D., Edinburgh. Blackwood, 5/.