

actual Jewish conditions and circumstances, in every detail that gives vividness to the picture. The Life he presents with such fullness and minuteness is not the life of Strauss or Renan, but the grand, historical Christ of the New Testament, working miracles and teaching doctrines of divine grandeur—the real God-Man! Such a work invests the life of Christ with new charms. It cannot fail to receive a hearty and enthusiastic welcome, both by scholars of all creeds, and by all classes interested in that Life which is, in itself, the miracle of miracles.—“The Pulpit Commentary”: “Numbers.” Introduction (a long and able one), by Rev. Thomas Whitelaw; Exposition and Homiletics, by Rev. R. Winterbotham, and Homilies by various authors. Same publishers. We gave our opinion as to the character and value of the “Pulpit Commentary” in our last issue.—“How Sorrow was changed into Sympathy,” by Mrs. Prentiss. Same publishers. A precious little book that will carry cheer to a mother’s heart bereft of children. It is superfluous to praise anything from the pen of this gifted writer. The volume contains the story of “Ely and Bessie,” written by her shortly after their death, only small portions of which have ever been published before.—“Truths and Untruths of Evolution,” by John B. Drury, D.D. Same publishers. Another valuable contribution to the growing literature of this subject. The substance of the book was given in a series of lectures to the students of the Theological Seminary and Rutgers College at New Brunswick, last year. The position of the author is similar to that of Dr. McCosh and some of the other writers who have expressed their views in THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY during the pending “Symposium on Evolution,” viz.: That the believer in God and the Bible has nothing to fear from Evolution as a foe to religion, when its postulates are freed from assumptions, and its truths are separated from its untruths.

Harper & Brothers. “Marcus Aurelius Antoninus,” by Paul Barron Watson. 8vo. The life of this historic personage has never before been written in the English language. This work is not strictly historical, but rather “a study of the character of Marcus Aurelius.” The view of him here presented is certainly a more favorable one than has hitherto prevailed, and the Christian public will be slow to receive it. That he was a later and persecutor of Christians; that Justin and Polycarp suffered martyrdom during his reign; and that he was active in the persecutions at Lugdunum and Vienna, are not denied. But the author claims that it was a very corrupt Christianity that prevailed in his day, and that Christians were enemies of the empire—points which (the latter at least) we think he fails to establish. It is a scholarly work, and will no doubt command attention from the student of history.—“A Companion to the Greek Testament and the English Version,” by Philip Schaff, D.D. Same publishers. A manual

of textual criticism of the Greek Testament, and its application to the Revised English Version, is a desideratum of our literature. This book has grown out of the author’s studies in connection with the Revision Committee, and was prepared at the request of several of his fellow-revisers. Dr. Schaff’s name in connection with the work is a guarantee of accuracy and thoroughness and adaptability to its end.—“God and the Future Life,” by Charles Nordhoff. Same publishers. This is a very sensible treatise on “Natural Theology.” It is specially directed to the young; not only to those whose thoughts are already interested in these questions—of God and a Future Life—but also to those who feel little or no interest in such thoughts; those absorbed in the ambitions and pleasures of the present. It was written in the hope that it might attract their attention, and give them a broader and juster view of life. It is a book that cannot fail to do good.—“A Short History of Our Own Times,” by Justin McCarthy, M.P. Same publishers. Not so much a history as a collection of brilliant pictures and portraits of distinguished personages in English history during Victoria’s reign. The author has won a good reputation as a novelist, and is likely to succeed as a historian as well. He possesses some of the qualities of Macaulay. He has certainly made it an exceedingly interesting book; and it seems to have been written in a spirit of candor and impartiality.

James Pott & Co., New York, and Hodder & Stoughton, London. “A Study of Origins; or, the Problems of Knowledge, of Being, and of Duty,” by E. De Pressensé, D.D. A very able work from the pen of one of the foremost Christian scholars and writers of France. We need only call the attention of our readers to it, as it has already reached a third edition. It is a manly and vigorous protest against the atheistic science of the day, which finds favor in so many quarters, in the name of true or independent science, and a spiritualistic and Christian philosophy. The translation made by Mrs. Holmden is admirable, and the typography of the work is first-class.—“Natural Law in the Spiritual World,” by Henry Drummond, F.R.S.E. Same publishers. The problem which the author sets himself to solve is: Are not many of the laws of the spiritual world, hitherto regarded as occupying an entirely separate province, simply the laws of the natural world? The inquiry is legitimate and important; and if the problem is not actually solved, there is no little new light shed upon the subject. The spirit of the discussion is reverent and conservative, and the book is marked with very great ability.—“The Temple and Its Services as they were at the time of Jesus Christ,” by Rev. Dr. Edersheim. New edition, revised: \$1.25. Same publishers. The remarkable work which has just appeared, by the same author, entitled “The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah,” will serve to revive and deepen the interest in this work, which appeared