

ical guide is given in the index. The work is well done, the illustrations clear and interesting and the paper and presswork beautiful.

'A Short History of the Hebrews to the Roman Period,' by the Rev. R. L. Ottley, S.S. Mr. Ottley has very wisely, we think, in this volume avoided the minute discussion of critical problems and reference to points of Old Testament theology. The reader is presupposed to have made a careful and intelligent study of the text of the Bible, and as regards the lessons or deductions to be derived from this concise outline of Hebrew history he is left pretty much to his own judgment. Positions, hitherto held to be correct, the author yields too readily to the assertions of recent writers. 'For practical purposes the study of Hebrew religion may be well kept distinct from that of Hebrew history.' The main aim of the

author has been to furnish teachers or students with a sketch of the actual course of Hebrew history as revealed by the most recent researches. In the dozen chapters of which his work is composed he reviews the Early Narratives of Genesis, the story of the Patriarchs, Israel in Egypt and in the Wilderness, the Conquest of Palestine, the age of the Judges, Establishment of the Monarchy, Solomon and the Division of the Kingdom. Prophets and Kings of Israel and Judah, the Decline and Fall of Judah, the Exile and the Restoration, and the events occurring during the periods dating from Nehemiah to the Maccabaean War, and from Judas Maccabaeus to Herod the Great. The book is supplied with several maps, and in every way well worthy of the favourable attention of students of Hebrew history. Of its size it would be difficult to recommend a more discriminating work.

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SPREADING LIFE-SAVING KNOWLEDGE AMONG THE PEOPLE.

One of the most important but less conspicuous phrases of the work being done by the Michigan State Board of Health, is shown in the report for April, 1901, of a village health officer in Southern Michigan. He reports: "By a letter from the Secretary of the State Board of Health I was induced to look up and report the want of sanitary care and precaution in the last few weeks life of a patient who died of tuberculosis

of the lungs in this village last spring. The poor unfortunate was moved about from family to family of her relatives, and cared for as well as their means could afford, but in utter neglect of all the means of preventing its communication to others. Most of this neglect came from lack of knowledge as to what could be done by poor folks to lessen the chances for taking the disease." By attracting attention to such instances, and by taking advantage of them for the instruction of the people, much can be done and is