

For some years past, the Church of Scotland has published, through A. and C. Black, of London, and R. and R. Clark, of Edinburgh, a series of Guild Text Books, one of which, written by the late Principal Grant, and entitled *Religions of the World*, has reached its twenty-ninth thousand. Of this series the joint editors are the Very Rev. Prof. Charteris, D.D., LL.D., of Edinburgh, and the Rev. J. A. McClymont, D.D., of Aberdeen. The small volume of 141 pages, 18mo., paper boards, before me is "The Apostles' Teaching, Part I., "The Pauline Theology," by W. P. Paterson, D.D., Professor of Systematic Theology, in the University of Aberdeen. It is sold by the Tract Society, for twenty cents. The book consists of two sections, following a useful introductory chapter, the first dealing with the Theology of St. Paul, the second, with the Theology of Hebrews. One naturally asks, how does Dr. Paterson interpret Paul in relation to the Augustinian or Calvinistic system? He holds that Paul, especially in Romans, teaches very complete predestination to life, or election, and also reprobation, but he is of the opinion that the reprobation is national and temporary rather than individual and eternal. The arrangement of subjects in the volume is orderly, and the black letter headings must prove helpful to the student. A young person who masters this text-book may claim to be a theologian.

A large parcel of miscellaneous books has come from Mr. Chapman, of St. Catherine St. They remind one of a scratch regiment gathered together to defend Kingston in 1866, in the absence of its garrison. It was made up of all arms of the service, so that its brave and well-drilled, but illiterate colonel said: "It was the most homojaneous bittillion I ever see." One book is a sort of Eugene Aram and Ancient Mariner, combined conception of a poem, entitled "The Ballad of the Soul's Desire," by Vernon Nott. It is a 124 page oblong 12mo., finely printed on hand-made paper, bound in illuminated cloth, published by Greening & Co., London, and sold by Mr. Chapman, for eighty-five cents. The combination of Vernon and Greening suggests Verdant Green, while Nott offers such endless possibilities to the embryo punster that it had better be left to him. Seriously, Mr. Nott means well and his theme is repentance