

that of some five thousand languages now spoken, only one-half dozen are one thousand years old. The different theories as to the plurality of origin of man and of the special theory of pre-Adamites are investigated, and the Scriptural doctrine of the unity of the race amply vindicated.

The question of primitive holiness, primitive probation, temptation and the fall of man, form the subjects of important chapters. The profound question of the genetic law of native depravity, with its limitations and consequences, are also set forth with conspicuous ability. The true Arminian doctrine, according to our author, affirms a native depravity without native demerit. While admitting the reality of native depravity, he argues that guilt only can arise on the responsibility of volition. The ampler discussion of these subjects, however, will be given in the second volume of Dr. Miley's systematic theology.

The Church of To-morrow: Addresses Delivered in the United States and Canada during the Autumn of 1891. By W. J. DAWSON, author of "The Makers of Modern English," "The Redemption of Edward Strachan," etc. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

Very many of us remember with pleasure, the visit of the Rev. Mr. Dawson to Canada last fall, and the inspiration which his manly words kindled in many minds. In this volume we have collected a number of these inspiring addresses. The subject allotted Mr. Dawson at the late Ecumenical Conference at Washington, was "The Church of the Future." That is the main topic of the present volume. The four characteristics of that Church he suggests are: simplification, democratic spirit, social aim, and intellectual and organic comprehension. The discourses in this volume elucidate these views. By simplification the author means a movement toward root principles, essential truths, and the result will be, to use the author's

own words, "to separate keenly between the essentials and the accidentals of religious truth, and make it possible for all religious souls to draw nearer together on these essential truths of our Christianity."

The titles of some of the discourses of this volume will indicate their general scope: "The Socialism of Jesus," "The Democratic Christ," "The Candour of Christ," "National Righteousness." There is an admirable discourse on "The Blessedness of Womanhood," full of sympathy with all that is best and most beautiful in the character of woman. In "The last analysis of Christianity," our author sums up the "be all" and "end all" of Christian life in love. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." We are not sure but that our author is not himself somewhat unduly iconoclastic in his discourse entitled "Nehuston, a Study of Iconoclasm," and in the two following chapters, "The Failure of the Supernatural as a Means of Conversion," and "Heroic Doubt." Doubt is often fostered by neglecting to emphasize one's positive convictions. Perfect love casts out fear, so positive conviction will often cast out doubt.

Columbus. An epic poem giving an accurate account of the great discovery in rhymed heroic verse. By SAMUEL JEFFERSON, R. R. A. S., F. C. S., author of "The Invincible Armada." Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 239.

All the world is ringing with the name and fame of Columbus. The attention of all lands is focussed upon the great discovery of the fifteenth century. The story is retold exhaustively by the great historians, and it is made the subject of innumerable essays. It remained for the author of this volume to treat it adequately in epic verse. We wonder that it has not been so treated before. The story lacks no element of epic grandeur and dramatic interest, nor is it without its tragic close. The author begins his epic story in the hall of the ambassadors in the ancient Moorish palace of