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Lectures delivered before the University of Pennsylvania by George Dana Boardman. 12mo, pp. 378. We have not space to enlarge upon the merits of this work, but we warmly commend it to preachers, to Sunday-school teachers, and especially to young men and young women to whom "these studies in the Ten Commandments are respectfully offered" by the author. The Lectures are admirable in style, in literary finish, in Biblical reference, and in moral and spiritual teaching. It is just such a work as we might expect from the author, and it cannot fail to do good.

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