

and essential truth of the Christian religion.

"If it is only this, it is nothing. No, it is the very essence and life of the Old Testament book. It is the vital breath, the ideal inspiration of the Old Testament life. It makes the Old Testament a book of permanent comfort, as it made the Old Testament religion a religion of hope, of high expectations, of divine trust and inspiration. It links the Old and New Testaments together in an indissoluble unity, not so much because the one is preparation and the other fulfilment, but because the same spirit pervades both, the spirit of aspiration and trust. The New Testament, from the vantage-ground of the Saviour's advent, looks forward with clearer vision and more assured hope to the larger realizations whose foreshadowings Old and New Testaments alike record. Both meet in the higher messianic expectation of the Kingdom of God, which is the Kingdom of the Christ—still only foreshadowed."

Heredity and Morals. By JAMES FOSTER SCOTT, M.D., C.M. (Edinburgh). New York: E. B. Treat & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo. Pp. 436. Price, \$2.00.

The perversion of the best often makes that which is worst. The instincts which are designed for our highest good and welfare may become so abused as to cause the greatest wrong and wretchedness. In some respects this book is like the prophet's scroll, written within and without with lamentation, with weeping, and with great woe. It shows the awful consequences of the violation of God's eternal laws, written in our bodies, of righteousness and purity and nobleness.

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The Spiritual Life. Studies in the Science of Religion. By GEORGE A. COE, Ph.D. New York: Eaton & Mains. Cincinnati: Curts & Jennings. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 279. Price, \$1.00.

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Heroes of the Covenant. Life and Times of William Guthrie, M.A., Minister of Fenwick. By Rev. W. H. CARSLAW, M.A., Editor of "The Scots Worthies," etc. Paisley: Alexander Gardner. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 130.

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The Carpenter. By Rev. CHARLES A. S. DWIGHT. New York: E. B. Treat & Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50c.

The human side of our Lord's life is prominently treated in this book. What the Carpenter of Nazareth said and did, his rejection by the Nazarenes, his brotherhood and suffering, his glorious