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School of Bible Study.

THERE have been many suggestions and inquiries touching the papers in the Exegetical Section of the REVIEW on Bible Study, and the "Key" and "Chart" suggested in connection with the opening article in the January number. We have been asked among other things:

(1) For the more extended treatment in completed form.

(2) For the publication of the successive numbers in pamphlet form for the use of Bible Classes and for help in the work of the pulpit.

(3) For a series of pamphlets entering somewhat more fully into the treatment of each book of the Bible, for all these uses.

In view of the present interest in

Bible study we would be grateful to those of our readers who are interested in this subject, for an expression of their views regarding what would be most helpful. They can in this way be of service to the REVIEW and its many readers, and help to give an increasing impulse to an enterprise that is of vital importance to the church at large at the present time.

The Prize Contest Closed.

THE editors announce that the time for entering in the prize contest for "Hints at the Meaning of Texts" is now closed. Since the offers were made in November last, "Hints" have been entered for competition from regions widely separated. Selections from the "Hints" will continue to be published for several months, at the end of which time the vote on the merits of the various classes will be taken.

NOTICES OF BOOKS OF HOMILETIC VALUE.

THE DIVINE LIFE IN MAN AND OTHER SERMONS. By Frederick A. Noble, D.D., Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Chicago, Toronto. Price, \$1.25.

These are strong sermons, packed full of fresh thought, expressed in chaste and forceful language, by one who has long been recognized as a master of pulpit rhetoric.

PURITANISM IN THE OLD WORLD AND THE NEW. A Historical Handbook. By the Rev. J. Gregory, Edinburgh. Introduction by Rev. Amory H. Bradford, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Chicago, Toronto, 1896. Price, \$2.

From the point of view of Independency the author brings together in an interesting narrative the facts concerning Puritanism "from its inception in the reign of Elizabeth to the establishment of the Puritan theocracy in New England." Regarding it as "preeminently a moral and religious force," he presents it negatively as opposing "corruptions alike in church and state," and positively as aiming to "promote the ends and righteousness of the Kingdom of God." He opens with "The Creative Causes of Puritanism:"

"Four causes mainly contributed to the use and spread of Puritanism, and ultimately of Independency—

"First, The influence of the Reformation.

"Second, The influence of the Bible.

"Third, The growth of the spirit of free dom—liberty of conscience.

"Fourth, The necessity of separation from the Church as by law established."

OUR SIXTY-SIX SACRED BOOKS: How They Came to Us and What They Are. A popular handbook for colleges, Sunday-schools, normal classes, and students, on the origin, authorship, preservation, character, and Divine authority of the Christian Scriptures. Fourth edition, with analysis and questions. By Edwin M. Rice, D.D. Philadelphia: The American Sunday-School Union. Price, 50 cents net.

This title-page accurately describes the scope of this useful little book, which has won the commendation of many able and scholarly men. It stands quite alone as a cheap and handy volume on its special subject. The book is timely, since the constant and unfounded assertions of the skeptics and the critics have had a tendency to unsettle the faith of not a few, many of whom are desirous of ascertaining the real facts in the case, so as to have a rational basis for a correct opinion regarding the origin, authenticity, genuineness, etc., of the Sacred Scriptures. Dr. Rice is careful and conservative in his treatment, resting his conclusions on clear, ascertained facts and acknowledged authorities. The questions and answers will help to fix the important points in the minds of those who study the volume. Preachers and teachers will find the book useful, even when they are the possessors of the larger works on Biblical Introduction.