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always welcome. We can recommend Mr. Badger's little work, and we hope he may be able to continue his explorations in a mine which promises such good results.

We are not surprised that a new edition of Dr. Thomas Hamilton's Prize Essay on the Sabbath has been issued (6). It combines the theoretical and the practical judiciously, and is one of the very best of the more popular treatises on the subject. A great merit is its succinct and yet lively style. The additional notes and chapters, and also the omissions, perceptibly improve the book.

Infidelity Refuted by Infidels (7). It was a very good idea of Dr. Sprecher to put together in a concise way the various opinions of those exponents or opponents of Christianity whom he has no hesitation in calling "infidels." And he does it in a scientific manner which will greatly help the memory. The several chapters deal with the various theories that have been propounded—e.g., the theory of imposture, of self-deception, the rationalistic theory, the mythical, the tendency of legendary theories, and lastly the current infidelity; and in each case the refutation by other "infidels" is appended. We heartily recommend the little work; it is just the sort of thing to place in the hands of young people who have "doubts;" and we have no hesitation in saying that no one can peruse the book without having their eyes greatly opened to the weakness of the attacks which have been made on the stronghold of our faith. Amidst all the din of religious warfare this fact comes out most strongly-that the wondrous life and unapproachable character of Jesus shine out with such lustre that the most bitterly prejudiced are compelled to admit there is in Him a very miracle among men; "and if He be lifted up," even by the unwilling aid of infidels, "he will draw all men unto Him."

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