

value, so much so that he who masters its plan and definitions will find he has attained a roundness and completeness of theological knowledge indispensable to a truly scientific divine. Dr. Cave's introductions to his several departments are learned yet entertaining, blending history and criticism in a devout and reverent spirit. As a guide to the library committees of theological colleges, and to ministers and students in their selection of books in special departments of study, the book is invaluable. But every student would do well to read the text, which is no inconsiderable part of the volume, and thus learn how vast is the domain of the queen of all the sciences, of which he is a votary. Unclassified learning is better than none at all, but it is a store hard to make use of, armour difficult to wield, a formless mass hardly worthy the name of erudition. On the other hand, bibliothecarius and doctus are two distinct words, and one book thoroughly studied is worth more to its possessor than the titles of a hundred. As an introduction or key to knowledge, Dr. Cave's work is admirable. It is rather a bunch of keys, with many different wards to fit the key-holes of as many massive doors that bar the way to the halls of science, wherein the student must dwell long before he becomes a learned theologian. Yet a benediction may fitly fall on the head of the careful and patient toiler who furnishes the keys.

Messrs. Revell's second book is *Bible Characters, Adam to Achan*, by Dr. Alex. Whyte of Edinburgh. This 300 page volume, neatly printed and bound in the style of *Bunyan Characters*, sells for a dollar and a quarter. It has all the peculiar characteristics and excellence of Dr. Whyte's character sketches, and is marked by the directness and overmastering earnestness of its applications. The reader who expects to find history, literary or moral criticism in the book will be disappointed. Dr. Whyte is a modern Christian Theophrastus or La Bruyère, and he takes a character to point a moral which is not always the most appropriate. But, listen to this, in a lecture on Esau, who sold his birthright: