

"In Touch with Reality." By Wm. Arthur Cornaby. Editor of the "Chinese Weekly" and the "Chinese Christian Review." London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 334.

The ends of the earth are being laid under tribute for contributions to Christian scholarship. Here is a book written in the Yangtse valley amid the scenes of the Boxer rebellion. In such months of peril lit with the light of eternity, the grand solidity of the essentials of the faith became felt. Out of these grew the message of this book, its burden is "Room for God in His own world, for our God is a more intimate and grander reality than we have ever dared to dream." The Joy of the Lord, the Certainties of Prayer, the Up-building Force of the Universe, these are some of the themes of this inspiring book.

"The Book of Job." By Rev. James Aitken, M.A., Minister of Onslow Presbyterian Church, Wellington, New Zealand. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 114.

Another book from the far antipodes. A careful and scholarly study of the book of Job, which Carlyle calls "one of the grandest things ever written with pen, our first and oldest statement of the never ending problem, man's destiny and God's ways with him here in this earth." The results of the ablest criticism are given. The book of Job has highly developed moral ideas. The personality of Satan and other features makes the author refer it to the seventh century, B.C. The book gives a fine analysis of this sublime poem and elucidation of many of its difficulties. A somewhat colloquial phrase is used in describing the first, second and third "rounds" of the controversy between Job and his friends.

"Socrates." By Rev. J. T. Forbes, M.A., Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. x-282.

The little bald-headed, flat-nosed man whose bust one sees in every ancient gallery was one of the most potent forces, not only of Greece, but of all time. Yet comparatively little is known of his personal story: a few jibes about his ter-magant wife, a few incidents concerning his mooning about Athens, and the sublime record of his Apologia and death. Yet his far-reaching influence has moulded thought for two thousand years. This

fresh study of the great philosopher deals chiefly with the teaching of Socrates and its interpretation, especially its ethical interest and its religious belief and practice. The political conditions and civic ideal of Athens are also clearly set forth.

"The Call of To-day." Sermons preached in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Montclair, N.J. By Abner H. Lucas, D.D. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 152.

The Bible is not a book of worn-out dicta for a long vanished age. It is a book for to-day and for all time. These sermons point out its adaptation to the needs of the hour, the religion, the strength, the work for to-day, the joy for the morning and the complete life. They abound in illustration from life and literature, have marked literary merit and spiritual power.

"English Church History." From the Death of King Henry VII. to the Death of Archbishop Parker. By the Rev. Alfred Plummer, M.A., D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xvii-194.

This book covers a most interesting and important period in the history of England—that of the conflict between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism; the historic situation under Henry VIII. and Wolsey; the cruel persecution under Queen Mary; what our author calls the Protestant Failure and the Roman Failure; and the settlement under Elizabeth. The story is told without bitterness, but it is one of which we need to remind ourselves. "We owe it," says our author, "to Philip and Mary that Britain can never again become subject to a Catholic power."

"Bread and Salt from the Word of God." By Theodor Zahn. Translated by C. S. Burn and A. E. Burn, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. x-306.

From the Word of God under this plain but suggestive title are given sixteen sermons by a distinguished German scholar and professor. They were published after long hesitation in response to the request of his theological students. They follow the German church year, and the author shows his sturdy Lutheranism throughout. It is interesting to note the shades of difference in thought and expression, and the unity of the spirit in these devout German discourses.