

by new names and new dealings with men; "Man's Relation to God in Worship," which is man's response to these manifestations.

Lastly, comes what seems to us the very back-bone of the book, a series of thirty-two questions for each term's reading, designed, as we are told, "not as a test of memory at the end of the term's reading, but of observation and thought from day to day."

Glancing cursorily through these, they appear difficult in the extreme, a very storehouse of Scriptural riddles, and we feel that the author's assertion that "the most difficult is less difficult than it appears" is needed. Of some we are also tempted to say—Suppose we do find the answer, shall we be the better for it? Will our stores of Biblical information be materially augmented because we have discovered—to take an example from Term I.—"what age Noah's father was when Adam died, and Abraham's father when Noah died?"

But a subject that has been worth such careful shaping, is worth attention as careful, and when we come to dip beneath the surface into these same difficult questions, and to study their *raison d'être*, we find not one but has its special place in the thorough carrying out of the author's scheme.

Some, by gathering and grouping together the acts, titles or events in the lives of the various "heroes," in the term's reading, are designed to present a realistic portrait of their lives, and explain their position in, and influence on, the times in which they lived. Others test the observation and care with which even the least interesting chapters should be read, such as Question XXVI., Term III., which asks for something to the credit of a grandson of the prophet Samuel, the answer to which is found in the middle of a dry list of names.

Others again, by requiring numerical information help to bridge the chasm which often seems to separate the Now and Then, and furnish us with clearer ideas of the actual relations of time and size. Take, for instance, the question quoted above as to the relative ages of the patriarchs, by calculating which we find what does not by any means appear on the surface, that nearly 2200 years are bridged by five lives, and that Abraham's father must have heard about Adam from the son of a man who had actually known him! This is not a mere gratification of idle curiosity; it is a proof of the way in which early unwritten history has been accurately preserved.

Our questions point out and emphasize the links between the Old and New Testaments, asking references and illustrations in the New to events and commands in the Old, and prophecies in the Old fulfilled in the New.

Still, others deal with what is critical or purely historical, the explana-