

Christ. Any carper could find detached sentences in most of the addresses on which he could rear an "auto da fe," but critics, properly so called, do not read books in that way, nor do they judge of addresses save as a consistent whole. The brochure is worthy of Queen's and is calculated to do good.

The last numbers of the Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology received by me are those for April and May. The most important articles in them are Mr. Le Page Renouf's Translation of the Egyptian Book of the Dead, with notes. The Society seems to me to be going down hill fast. Either its members have been pumped dry, or they no longer send their best work to be read at its meetings. Like many associations of the kind, it has probably fallen into the hands of a clique, and even that not a very harmonious one. This is much to be regretted, as one naturally looks to it for the latest information on matters of Biblical Archaeology, instead of for Egyptian trifles and Euphratean Stellar Researches. Money has something to do with the declension. While magazines and reviews pay handsomely for new information, scholars hardly care to pay the Society for the privilege of having their articles read at its meetings and printed in its proceedings. Yet, surely, some of those, whom it has helped into fame, should throw it an occasional bone to save it from scientific starvation.

The Quarterly Register of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System is always full of in-

terest, and the May and August numbers are well up to the mark. The May number deals with Trouble in Turkey, The Evangelical Church in Greece, Educational Parties in Holland, Notes from Bohemia, Jottings from Italy, France and the Papacy, Clippings from the German, the Churches in Victoria, New South Wales, and England, the Kanaka Question in Queensland, and many other matters of importance. That for August is taken up largely with the Scottish, Irish and American Churches, as well as prospectively with the recent Council of the Alliance in Toronto. Every Presbyterian who takes a pride in our wide spread Church should get his bookseller to procure the Quarterly Register for him, or order it directly from the Rev. Dr. Mathews, 25 Christ Church Avenue, Brondesbury, London, N. W. Its price is one shilling or twenty-five cents a year.

A friend in Cote St. Antoine, where the Rev. Commander Roberts has been lecturing, sends me the Quarterly Statements of the Palestine Exploration Fund for January, April, and July. Baurath, or Building Commissioner, C. Schick has been exploring and excavating about Jerusalem, and his discoveries of buildings must be interesting to architects. F. J. Bliss B.A.'s work of excavation has been carried on at Tell el Hesry, the ancient Lachish, where he has found many ancient arms and utensils supposed to be Amorite, and where finally he came upon the cuneiform clay tablet, recently translated by Professor Sayce and shewn by him to