

CURRENT LITERATURE.

NEARLY a quarter of a century ago Dr. Robert Young published *The Holy Bible* (1) in a new translation. It was a great undertaking for one man, but he was a man of vast linguistic lore and indomitable perseverance. Noting what he considered to be the erroneous, confused, and lax renderings of King James' Revisers, he produced a revised text of his own, "according to the letter and idioms of the original languages." For those unacquainted with the original languages in which the Bible was written it is very helpful. It deserves a place in the library.

No more acceptable and useful present could be given to old or young than this *Short Life of Christ* (2). This century has produced no Life of Christ of more real and lasting worth than Dr. Geikie's. When many more showy works of a similar class are forgotten, Dr. Geikie's is destined to live. This newly published book is not an abridgment of his large work in two volumes, but is entirely rewritten. It is inviting in every respect, and vividly presents the amazing story in a moderate compass. The fifty illustrations which adorn its pages are wisely-selected as to subjects, and well-executed as works of art. There is a healthiness about its whole tone. We want more such books in order to drive away what is sentimental and sensational in religion. If orthodox divines would take sufficient pains, works might be produced which would at once interest and profit our readers. Dr. Geikie is unmistakably loyal to the written word.

Jesus Christ, the Divine: His Life and Times (3). Not nearly so readable a book as the above, but to those who desire to study the Saviour's earthly life, in its organic spiritual unity and moral relations, this seems to be the very book.

In the present uncertain state of Assyriology, it is almost a hope-

(1) *The Holy Bible*. By Dr. Robert Young. Second edition, 8s. 6d. London: G. A. Young & Co., 1888.

(2) *A Short Life of Christ for old and young*. By Cunningham Geikie, D.D. Hatchards, W., 1888.

(3) *Jesus Christ, the Divine: His Life and Times*. By J. F. Vallings. James Nisbet & Co., 1888.