

This is a book easy to read and not difficult to digest. It is written for popular use. While it makes no large demands upon the knowledge of the laity, it will not be an unwelcome contribution to the science of the mind. "Sleep, its Cause and its Phenomena," "Dreams," "Sleeplessness and its Prevention," and "The Analogy of Insanity to Sleep and Dreams," are the subjects treated. It is indeed easy to follow the author, as he tells us in the introduction :

"You need not fear that I shall conduct you along the dizzy heights of speculation or into the abyss of metaphysics. No, we will remain on the well-made road, and the ascent will not be difficult. And we will not confine ourselves to enjoying the beautiful view, but, like the energetic collector who fills his box with useful fruits, we will bring home some things from our excursion—some good lessons which shall have the merit, so highly esteemed now-a-days, of being 'practical,' good, sensible receipts for household use!"

An Introduction to the Study of the Books of the New Testament. By REV. JOHN A. KERR, A.M., of Rock Island, Ill., with an introductory note by Prof. Benjamin B. Warfield, D.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary. Cloth, 8vo, 333 pp. Price \$1.50. Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company.

This book is the outgrowth of a series of sermons on the Gospels, and intended to be an "Actual initiation into a living, historical knowledge of Scripture." Biblical theology is attracting more and more attention, and must be studied by the truly earnest Bible student. New Testament introduction must underlie all intelligent study of the book. We must first ascertain, as far as possible, the historical setting of its component parts in order to form a correct idea of the whole. The author follows the general plan of Introductions by giving the characteristics, origin, canonicity, authorship, purpose, contents, date and place of composition, peculiarities and other information concerning each book on its human side. The tone of the book is conservative, adhering to old views as far as found correct, and regarding the entire New Testament as the inspired Word of God. It is among the very best Introductions we have yet seen, and we most heartily commend it to all classes of Bible students and feel that it should find its way into our theological schools.

The Faith and Life of the Early Church. By W. F. SLATER, M.A., Biblical Tutor, Wesleyan College, Didsbury. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Cloth, 8vo, 412 pp. Price \$1.75.

We have Introductions to the books of the Bible, but here we have "An Introduction to Church History." This work is not a complete and detailed history of Christianity in the first century, but an application of inductive methods to that interesting period. In this way such related subjects as "The Church at Jerusalem," "The First Officers of the Church," "The New Departure: The inclusion of the Gentiles," "The first Council, and its Results," "The Gospel in Asia," "The Close of the Apostolic Age," "The Age after the Apostles," "Jewish Christianity Heretical," "Early Christian literature," "Baptism," "The Agape and the Eucharist," "The Christhood of Jesus," "The Christ-party in Corinth," and "The Church" have been carefully and scientifically investigated. The result is a book that will materially assist the student of the New Testament and of general church history. It is very interestingly written, and deals specially with questions that are of importance at the present time. We have here such a view of the innerlife and work of Christianity in its planting and early