

In this little commentary on Thessalonians, the introduction is admirable, sufficiently full and thoroughly clear, reliable and readable. It does what an introduction to a commentary should do, it prepares one to read the text and the comments intelligently and sympathetically. The comments are excellent both in form and substance. The interpretation of details is careful, candid, accurate; the judgments passed are eminently sound; and the numerous references to literature, ancient and modern, which sheds light on Paul's expressions and thoughts lend a human interest which has too often been lacking in commentaries. For instance, a reference to the views of Cato and Cicero, and a quotation from the "Journal of Marie Bashkertseff," light up the investigation of Paul's teaching as to death and resurrection.

The appendix, tracing the development of the doctrine of Antichrist from Daniel to our own time, is valuable and interesting.

Much of the same praise may be fairly bestowed upon the two volumes on Corinthians, by Rev. J. J. Lias. If not quite so attractive or valuable as Professor Findlay's volume on Thessalonians, they are at least thoroughly worthy of a place in the series.

The late Dr. Plumptre was more than a scholar. He was a scholar with the finest literary tastes and tact. Whatever he writes has a dash of genius in it, and he adorns whatever he touches. Who could wish for a more beautiful piece of exegetical work than his volume on Ecclesiastes in this same series? To those who are familiar with it, it is enough to say that the volume on James is by the same writer, and that it displays the same wealth of learning, the same fineness of perception, the same genial sympathy with all literature illustrative of the text. Our readers are safe in laying hold of anything written by Dean Plumptre, for he will put them in love with every book which he annotates and with every subject which he discusses.

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Institutes of the Christian Religion. By EMANUEL V. GERHART, D.D., LL.D. Vol. II. Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company. \$3 per vol.

The first volume of this work was reviewed in the *Canadian Methodist Quarterly* for 1891, when the editor traced the position of the author in his very full and able discussion of Theology and Cosmology, and observed that in the Christo-Centric aim of the work it was evident the writer "saw no man save Jesus only."

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