

advantage, that of being printed in such large type that anybody can read it easily.

*The History of Christian Ethics* (5), we venture to think, will form an important instalment of Messrs. Clark's Foreign Theological Library. The first volume of Prof. Luthardt's work is before us, containing the history of Christian ethics before the Reformation. In this volume there is first a sketch of Ancient Paganism, in four sections; 1st, the popular ethical ideas of the Greeks; 2nd, the philosophical system of ethics; 3rd, the popular moral philosophy; 4th, ancient morality in the ethics of mysticism. Then comes a statement of the difference between the ancient and the Christian ethics, with an appendix on Buddhism. After this we find discussions on the ethics of the Old Testament; then on the ethics of the New Testament. Then follow sections treating of the ethics of the Post-Apostolic Church, of the Greek Church, and of the Western Church; and finally the ethics of the Middle Ages. The chief writers of all time are brought under review, and there is a conspectus of the morality of each, together with that of the time in which he lived. By a careful perusal of the whole volume, the course of ethical teaching and its consequences may be gathered; and by reference to the excellent table of contents, any author may be found and a summary of his opinions on the subject of morality may be noted. Prof. Luthardt's work shows a wonderful amount of learning and research; the drawback in it is its extraordinary condensation. It reads almost like notes of lectures rather than a full discussion of the subject. But then such a discussion would have taken a library instead of two volumes; and therefore this shorter method is, after all, preferable; for from this volume any one may glean a very fair idea of the ethical teaching of all the Fathers and divines previous to the Reformation, and there are abundant references to the literature on the subject to guide the student who wishes to go more deeply into it. Prof. Luthardt has certainly furnished an admirable text-book on Christian Ethics. We must congratulate Mr. Hastie upon the readableness of his translation; and we need hardly say that the volume in its "get up" is worthy of the firm that issues it.

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(4) *Pegs for Preachers*. By Charles Inglis. London: Morgan & Scott.

(5) *History of Christian Ethics*. Vol. i. containing the History of Christian Ethics before the Reformation. By Dr. Chr. Ernst Luthardt, Professor of Theology at Leipsic. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1889.

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