

BOOK NOTICES.

The Lamb in the midst of the Throne; or, the History of the Cross. By JAMES M. SHERWOOD. 8vo., pp. 526. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

The author of this book, the Rev. Dr. Sherwood, was for many years editor of the *Presbyterian Review*, so that he was no stranger to literature, and was well acquainted with the current of religious thought. Like many others, Dr. Sherwood looks with some degree of alarm at the materialistic tendencies of the age. Certain occurrences have shaken his confidence in the agencies which are being employed for the world's evangelization.

The book before us is, therefore, a real trumpet blast. The leaders in all the denominations of the church might profitably study every chapter. There is not a dull paragraph in the whole book, and we have not read a single sentence which we do not heartily endorse. Doubtless, some will question a few of the positions taken by the author, and may possibly regard his views as erroneous, or, at least, extremely sombre, but, in our judgment, there is the right ring in every page.

Our views of Christianity have been strengthened, and our conviction in the adaptation of the Gospel to cure the ills of humanity, have been greatly confirmed, while our hopes of the ultimate success of God's redeeming plan have been strengthened by the perusal of this goodly volume. No book that has come in our way for a long time have we perused with so much interest. It is really a book for the times, and will amply repay a careful study. It is thoroughly orthodox, and deals with living questions. Those who have passed through their collegiate course and are about to commence their life-work in the ministry would do well

to make themselves familiar with this book.

Funk & Wagnalls, the enterprising publishers, are entitled to the thanks of the church for sending forth such a valuable volume at such a cheap rate.

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Walks from Eden. By the author of "The Wide, Wide World." Pp. 426. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The House of Israel. Pp. 504. Same author and publishers, and same price.

The Star out of Jacob. Pp. 391. Same author and publishers, and same price.

These three books by the accomplished author of "The Wide, Wide World"—one of the most popular books ever written—are designed to bring, in pleasing and attractive form, before the minds of young people the results of the careful study of the best authorities on the geography, antiquities, manners and customs of Bible lands, in explanation and elucidation of the Bible narrative. They take the form of pleasant out-of-door or fire-side conversations, between a group of young people and some older, cultivated, and travelled friends. The first two form part of a series of five books on the Old Testament. The third treats the life of Our Lord. The work is very carefully and conscientiously done. Every statement has been made on good authority. We commend the entire series for use in Sunday-school libraries. They will throw a flood of light on much that is obscure in Scripture. The volumes are illustrated by numerous engravings of Biblical scenes and antiquities.