

The bishop also contributes the first article, on Wesley and Modern Philosophy. The second article is on Christian Life and Practice in the Early Church, by Rev. W. H. Withrow, M.A., giving the result of certain special studies in that interesting field. Article 3, by Prof. Baird, of New York University, records Schliemann's extraordinary discoveries at Mycenæ. The Rev. Dr. Fox gives a second paper on Plagiarism and the Law of Quotation, with sensible advice to all speakers and writers. Dr. Fuller writes on "The Parish of Wesley," discussing the wonderful recent and prospective growth of Methodism. One of the most interesting articles in the number is, by H. K. Carroll, of *The Independent*, on Present Aspects of Scottish Theology. He shows that the High Calvinism of a few years ago is practically abandoned. A learned article on the Zendavesta is also given. Dr. Whedon reviews at considerable length, and in his own vigorous style, Mr Parton on the "Negro Question," Prof. Newcomb on the "Course of Nature," Dr. McCabe on the "Foreknowledge of God," Prof. Tyndall on the "Mechanical Theory of Growth," and we judge he routs the whole *quadrige*

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It has been the fashion in certain quarters to sneer at Methodism as unfavourable to the cultivation of learning. That sneer finds its best refutation in the writings of Clarke, Benson, Watson, Pope, Rigg, Arthur, and George Smith, in the Old World, and in the New, in the magnificent Theological Encyclopædia of Drs. Strong and McClintock—the best in the language—and in the comprehensive Biblical and Theological Library

of which Dr. Harman's grand work is the initial volume, and a right worthy volume it is—both in the importance of the subject, in the judiciousness of treatment, and in its mechanical excellence—to lead off the important series projected by the enterprise of the Methodist Book Concern at New York.

In this age of re-examination of the historical evidences of Christianity, and too often of negative and destructive criticism, it is very befitting that the highest critical skill available should examine those evidences in the interests of Christian orthodoxy. Dr. Harman, by a long professoriate of ancient languages and literature in Dickenson College, and by a broad range of studies in biblical literature has eminently qualified himself for the successful treatment of his subject. The latest critical works, both evangelical and rationalistic have been employed in the preparation of the book.

A clear and exact account is first given of the ancient MSS. and versions of the Old and New Testaments, and then consecutive historical examination is given of their several books. All the light that secular history, contemporary arts and sciences, internal evidences and undesigned coincidences can yield is employed to render luminous and clear this important subject. An account of the apocryphal books of the Old and New Testaments is also given. This part of the subject we should like to have seen developed somewhat more fully, especially the account of the apocryphal gospels, but doubtless the proper importance of the canonical books caused the subordination of the former to the main theme of the volume.

Every Christian minister, Sunday-school teacher, or Bible student will find a complete treasury of most important information upon the Book of books in this scholarly yet popularly interesting work. Dr. Harman has laid the Christian Church under great obligation by his learned labours in elucidating the history, authenticity, integrity, Divine inspiration, and indubitable veracity of the sacred