

own personal knowledge many interesting incidents. The tribute to the character and influence of Dr. Punshon by Senator Macdonald, and the tender and beautiful introduction to the work by Dr. Douglas, add greatly to the value of the book. This is in no sense a substitute for the larger biography, and is not so designed. The admirers of Dr. Punshon—and who that came within the range of his influence was not an admirer?—will want them both. This book has a steel portrait and eighteen engravings.

Christianity and Evolution: Modern Problems of the Faith. 12mo, pp. 276. New York: T. Whittaker. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The question of evolution is one that cannot be ruled out of current discussions or theology. It is in the very forefront of the field. The twelve essays in this volume were contributed to that valuable minister's monthly, the *Homiletic Magazine*, by ten distinguished ministers, they all give a more or less modified acceptance to the general principles of evolution, or to use what seems to us the more happy phrase of Dr. Dallinger, "concurrent adaptation." The book is in the nature of an *airenikon*, and while the several writers do not agree in all matters of detail, they do express the conviction that acceptance of the ascertained facts of evolution is not incompatible with a genuine intelligent Christian faith. The editors express the hope that the book may be found helpful to many whose spirits are shadowed by the scepticism of the age.

Current Discussions in Theology. By the PROFESSORS OF THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Fifth series. Pp. 404. Price \$1.50. Published by the Congregational Publishing Society, Boston and Chicago.

Four volumes in this series have been previously issued. The volume for 1888 is now published, and contains articles of unusual interest and

usefulness. This series has been welcomed with warm approval by all scholars as a real contribution to the religious thought of the day. The whole wide field here surveyed is treated under the heads of exegetical, historic, systematic, and practical theology. The present state of studies in these various departments is summarized by scholars of eminence, and the results of the recent discussions are given in a succinct, clear and forcible manner. For over-burdened pastors, who have not time nor opportunity to follow for themselves the movements in this vast field, this book is an invaluable help.

Sunny Fountains and Golden Sand: Pictures of Missionary Life in the Dark Continent. By ARTHUR BRIGG. London: T. Woolmer.

The author of this well-written volume was for twenty-five years a Wesleyan missionary in South Africa. He is therefore amply competent to describe the various phases of missionary life in that country—"all which he saw and part of which he was." There are few more inspiring records of Christian heroism than that of missionary effort in that land. In few mission fields have the triumphs of the Gospel been more marked. If such books could be sown broadcast, they would do much to bring about a great revival of missionary interest and enthusiasm. We heartily commend the book, especially for use in our Sunday-school libraries. It is well illustrated.

Minutes of the Fall Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1887. 8vo. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Price, \$1.

This large and closely-printed book of 300 pages is a remarkable illustration of the growth of Methodism. Among the others here enumerated are the Arizona, Black Hills, Central China, Fochow, Japan, Korea, New Mexico, German, Swedish, Danish, and many other conferences; and this contains only about half the conferences.