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truth is, the present "amended" edition has been recast, and to a great extent rewritten. Valuable as it was in its first form, this series of discussions is still more valuable now—alike for the impartial manner in which the veteran thinker has stated the theistic argument, and also for the critical sagacity and power of lucid utterance which inform every page of the volume. Readers will be glad to have the last words of the new preface (dated February, 1899): "The eternal Gospel of Omnipotent Goodness, latent in humanity from the beginning, is unfolded in the Divine human nature of the Ideal Man, and is gradually unfolding in human life and history. And if faith in Omnipotent Goodness, with all that this involves, is the root and spring of human experience and science, no changes in that experience, no discoveries in science, no historical criticism, no future events in history, neither things present nor things to come, can ever show the unreasonableness of this final faith, or deprive the human race of Divine consolation and healing power."

E. H. BLAKENEY.

Short Notices.

Saints and Heroes of Our Own Days. Mrs. T. R. SEDDON. S.P.C.K.

Short, pleasant biographies of General Gordon, Samuel Marsden, Bishop Selwyn, Dr. Livingstone, Alexander Mackay, Father Mathew, General Havelock, Lord Clyde, Archbishop Benson, and Father Damien, for children.

Reconciliation by Incarnation. By D. W. SIMON, D.D. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark. Price 7s. 6d.

IF we are obliged, owing to exigencies of space, to write but briefly on this book, it must not be supposed that we do not realize its value and importance. No book of recent years in which this subject has been discussed, is so careful, so thorough, and—from some aspects of the case—so satisfactory. The central theme of this book is the reconciliation of God and man—that is, as the author emphatically declares, "of God with man as well as man with God." This is not the current popular view, no doubt; all the more, therefore, does it deserve thought and attention. Dr. Simon's book is almost a "body of divinity" in itself; and, if we cannot promise the reader an easy task in studying it, we can assure him that he will not rise from a careful perusal of it without feeling that his horizon has been enlarged, and his knowledge widened and deepened. In saying this, we do not imply that we necessarily accept Dr. Simon's conclusions; indeed, we differ from him in places not a few. But this need not affect our estimate of his book as a whole, which appears to us to be a noteworthy contribution to critical and doctrinal theology.

The Month.

CAPTAIN DREYFUS has been recalled, and the heroic Colonel Picquart has been released from prison, and the army has received accordingly a decisive blow. Yet troubles seem to be thickening for France. The thirty-eighth Cabinet of the third Republic has resigned office, and President Loubet finds it no light task to get a successor to