

him to lead and them to follow. Moreover, whatever difficulties surround this explanation seem to me immeasurably less than the insuperable obstacles in the way of the other solutions.

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BRIEF NOTICE.

THE last addition to the Pulpit Commentary is *Archdeacon Farrar's* exposition of 1 CORINTHIANS (London: Kegan Paul and Co.). On this Epistle so many admirable commentaries had already been published—*e.g.* Mr. Beet's, Dean Stanley's, and, above all, Canon Evans's in the Speaker's Commentary—that Dr. Farrar has wisely contented himself with an exposition of the most moderate dimensions, while all that he gives in the way of Introduction is compressed into four or five pages. Brief as it is, however, no point of importance is left unnoticed; and his solution of the many difficult problems started by this familiar Scripture is, as a rule, the best that can yet be attained.

His slender rill of exegesis is swollen and well-nigh lost in a flood of baser matter. No less than eight homilists have been let loose on this single Epistle, and for one page that will prove useful to the student there are at least ten in this ponderous volume that he will turn over with a sigh. The value of some of these homiletical effusions will at once reveal itself to any Greek scholar who observes that the moral drawn from St. Paul's injunction on the *debitum tori* in chapter vii. verse 3, is that marriage involves "mutual benevolence," and that this benevolence is defined as "a hearty well-wishing, each wishing the well-being of the other"; while the corresponding phrase in verse 5, *Defraud ye not one the other*, is amplified into "Deception is inimical to the true union of souls. Nothing cuts united hearts asunder so easily and effectively as artfulness and deception."

It is to be hoped that Dr. Farrar will let us have his exposition in a detached and separate form.
