

*SURVEY OF RECENT BIBLICAL LITERATURE.*

A NEW and enlarged edition of the well-known *Annotated Paragraph Bible* has been issued by the Religious Tract Society. It is probably the best annotated Bible in one volume.—Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co. issue a volume of their *Pulpit Commentary*. It contains the six books from Nahum to Malachi, which have been entrusted for exegesis to the competent hands of Mr. Deane, and for homiletics to Dr. Whitelaw and others. The volume cannot be neglected by students of the Minor Prophets.—A remarkable and in one respect monumental work is completed by the publication (Williams & Norgate) of the third volume of Dr. S. C. Malan's *Original Notes on the Book of Proverbs mostly from Eastern Writings*. The notes in the whole book number about 16,000, and they are drawn from Egyptian, Sanscrit, Persian, Arabic, Chinese, and many other sources. The book is a monument of learning and industry, and from its abundant stores all future commentators will draw.—To the Expositor's Bible three volumes have recently been added: Archdeacon Farrar's second volume on the *Books of Kings*, a picturesque and thoroughly well-informed narrative; an exposition of the *Epistles of Peter* by Prof. Lumby, who probably knows more about them than any other living scholar; and Principal Moule's *Epistle to the Romans* which will for some time to come oust from common use all other commentaries on the Epistle.—Messrs Clark, of Edinburgh, have issued *The Earliest Life of Christ ever compiled from the Four Gospels, being the Diatessaron of Tatian*, by the Rev. J. Hamlyn Hill, B.D. This useful volume furnishes us with a translation of the Diatessaron, and of the Ephraem Fragments, with introduction and critical and analytical tables of great value. It is a book of which every student of the New Testament or of the Early Church should be in possession.—The Clarendon Press issues another portion of the writings of Tertullian edited by T. Herbert Bindley, B.D., Principal of Codrington College. It is the *De Præscriptione Hæreticorum*, the *Ad Martyras*, and *Ad Scapulam* which are now published. The notes are excellent and precisely what a student needs. The reading of one such original text gives more insight into early history than much second-hand information.—*The Gospel according to Peter*, a study by the author of *Supernatural Religion* (Longmans, Green & Co.), contains

the text and a translation of this Gospel, together with a critical comparison of it with the canonical Gospels. It displays the scholarship, acuteness and prejudice of the author.—Messrs Macmillan & Co. have published three volumes of sermons, one of which contains some of the charges of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and is entitled *Fishers of Men*. Would that these wise counsels were not only universally read but universally regarded and followed.—The volume by Bishop Westcott on *The Incarnation and Common Life* is in the best sense a book for the times and illustrates the remarkable conversion of a mature scholar into an apt and influential man of affairs.—The Hon. and Rev. Arthur Temple Lyttelton's *University and College Sermons* afford excellent specimens of the treatment of doctrinal subjects in a simple and graceful style.—The same firm also publishes the late Dr. Hort's Hulsean Lectures for 1871, *The Way, the Truth, the Life*, in which there is much original and weighty thinking.—One of the most striking volumes of sermons which have appeared for some time is *The Beauty of the Lord and other Sermons* by Joseph Halsey, of Anerley Congregational Church (James Clarke & Co.).—In the "Life Indeed" Series, edited by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson (Charles H. Kelly), two volumes have appeared, *The Inspirations of the Christian Life*, by Thomas F. Lockyer, B.A., a happy idea happily carried out; and *The Holy Spirit and Christian Privilege*, by Thomas G. Selby, a volume which throws a great deal of light on a very difficult subject and presents a large amount of truth with all Mr. Selby's well-known vigour and attractiveness of style.—The same publishers add to their "Books for Bible Students" an *Introduction to the Study of Hebrew*, by J. T. L. Maggs, B.A. There was room for such a book, and nothing could surpass the beauty with which both Hebrew and English are here printed. The Syntax is scanty, but the Accidence is full and clear. The volume promises to be most helpful to those beginning the study of Hebrew.—In Hodder and Stoughton's "Theological Educator," Prof. Adeney has issued *The Theology of the New Testament*. This is a model book of its kind. It omits no point of importance: it is well-informed, thoughtful, adequate. It must inevitably take its place in theological colleges as a textbook. To the same series Prof. Iverach contributes a notable volume on *Christianity and Evolution*. Seldom is so much hard thinking packed into so small a compass, or so difficult a subject

so competently discussed. It would not be easy to find a more acute philosophical critic than Dr. Iverach; and all interested in the theological and other questions raised by evolution will find fresh light in this volume.—We should like to direct the attention of students to two new and excellent treatises on New Testament Greek. The one is M. L'Abbé Viteau's *Étude sur le Grec du Nouveau Testament: Le Verbe* (Paris, Emile Bonillon). The other is Prof. Burton's *Syntax of the Moods and Tenses in New Testament Greek* (University Press of Chicago). Both of these are full, careful, and serviceable books, and can be recommended.

The following have also reached us: Archdeacon Perowne's *Our High Priest in Heaven*, second edition (Elliot Stock); *The Spiritual Grasp of the Epistles*, by Rev. Charles A. Fox, B.A. (S. W. Partridge and Co.); *From the Death of St. Athanasius to the Death of St. Basil* (A.D. 373–381), by Canon Jenkins, M.A. (David Nutt); *The Christ has Come; The Second Advent, an Event of the Past*, by E. Hampden Cooke, M.A. (Simpkin Marshall and Co.); *One Fold and one Shepherd*, by George Trobridge (James Speirs); *Foreign Missions and Home Calls*, twentieth thousand (Elliot Stock).—The Religious Tract Society issue the twelfth volume of their *Present Day Tracts*. It contains contributions from Dr. Angus, Dr. Sterling Berry, Dr. S. G. Green, and other well-known writers. *A Year with Christ*, by F. Harper, M.A., Rector of Hinton Waldrist (John F. Shaw and Co.), consists of meditations arranged according to the ecclesiastical year.—Messrs. T. and T. Clark have issued in a tasteful form three lectures by Professors Rainy, Orr, and Dods in reply to Professor Pfeiderer's Gifford Lectures.—From the Religious Tract Society we have received the first two volumes of a series which promises to be useful, *Present Day Primers*. These volumes are *Early Church History* from the competent hand of Mr. J. Vernon Bartlet, of Mansfield College, and *The Printed English Bible*, by Mr. Richard Lovett, M.A., who has previously shown his acquaintance with at least one chapter in the annals of the English Bible. To their "By-paths of Bible Knowledge" series the same Society has also added a very useful manual on the *Money of the Bible*, written by a numismatic expert, Mr. G. L. Williamson.

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