

pretum, Jas. iv. 4-6. While the whole passage presents difficulties to the translator, the correct rendering of verse 5 is particularly doubtful. A glance at the English Version is enough to prove this. The Authorized Version reads, 'Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?' Equally devoid of any apparent sense is the rendering of the Revised Version, 'Or think ye that the Scripture speaketh in vain? Doth the spirit which He made to dwell in us long unto envying?' That the Revisers were little satisfied with what stands in their text is evident from the alternative renderings they offer in the margin: 'The spirit which He made to dwell in us He yearneth for, even unto jealous envy,' or 'That spirit which He made to dwell in us yearneth for us even unto jealous envy.' The former of these alternatives is practically what Bruston adopts as the translation of the verse. The point of the reproach is suggested by the term of address in verse 4, 'Ye *adulteresses*' (R.V.; the additional words 'ye adulterers' of

A.V. lack MS. support), and the passage may be paraphrased thus: 'Know ye not that in seeking the friendship of the world, ye draw upon yourselves the enmity and wrath of God, as an adulteress renders herself liable to the just fury of her husband? Or think ye that the saying of the Scripture is vain, God desires (loves) with jealousy the spirit which He has placed in us? Nay, the saying is not vain; God's love will be changed into fury against the spirit created by Himself, if that spirit is unfaithful to Him.' The only real difficulty is that the words which appear as a scriptural citation are nowhere found in the Old Testament. This difficulty may, however, be met by the consideration that the two ideas embodied in the words are repeatedly expressed—(1) God is a jealous God (Deut. vi. 15, vii. 4; Josh. xxiv. 19, etc.); and (2) God has caused to dwell in man a spirit capable of knowing and loving Him (Gen. i. ii.; Ps. civ. 30; Job xii. 10, xxvii. 3, etc.).

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At the Literary Table.

THE BOOKS OF THE MONTH.

A HISTORY OF THE WARFARE OF SCIENCE WITH THEOLOGY IN CHRISTENDOM. BY ANDREW DICKSON WHITE, LL.D., L.H.D., Ph.D. (*Macmillan*. 2 vols. 8vo, pp. xxiii + 415, xiii + 474.) When the great Darwinian scare blew over,

And what gave rise
To no little surprise,
Nobody seemed one penny the worse,

we all resolved that we should never be scared by science again. And no doubt it is that resolution that has kept our heads so cool over the Higher Criticism.

What is it that makes the conflict between science and theology? Here is a book of two great volumes, and it is full of the controversy. From the infancy of scientific research these two have been doing battle together. No generation has escaped the conflict. What is the cause?

It seems to be either that science is not science, but falsely so called, and that side of the circum-

stance is somewhat ignored in these volumes. Or else it is that we have misunderstood our Bible. For, according to President White, the conflict of all the ages has been between science and a mistaken interpretation of the Bible. When Draper wrote his *Conflict between Science and Religion*, his very title showed that he misunderstood the matter. Between science and religion there never was and never could be any conflict; for God and Nature were never at strife. But between science and theology there may be conflict any day, and as a matter of fact there has been conflict always. And one reason is that the theology of the day misunderstood and misinterpreted its Bible.

Take an instance. Bishop Hopkins of Vermont, 'a man whose noble character and beautiful culture gave him very wide influence in all branches of the American Protestant Church,' detested slavery, but demonstrated that the Bible sanctioned it. Then came that tremendous rejoinder which echoed from heart to heart throughout the Northern

States: 'The Bible sanctions slavery? So much the worse for the Bible.'

Now the remarkable and undeniable thing is that the Bible is none the worse to-day. In the battle the victory has been with science very often. Yet the Bible is none the worse. For the conflict has never been between science and the Bible. It has been between science (sometimes misunderstood) and our misconception of the Bible. We know now that the Bible does not sanction slavery any more than it sanctions witch-burning. We alter our conception of the Bible. We change our interpretation. The Bible remains.

So the question arises: Can we not reach a conception of the Bible that will stand? It is a question which many an earnest student of the Bible is anxiously asking to-day.

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THE POETICAL WORKS OF WILLIAM WORDSWORTH. EDITED BY WILLIAM KNIGHT. (*Macmillan*. Globe 8vo, vol. vii. pp. xvi + 416.) This volume covers the years from 1821 to 1834. Its best known contents are the 'Ecclesiastical Sonnets' and the 'Yarrow Revisited' poems. The portrait is after Haydon, the vignette is Dove Cottage, Grasmere. The beauty of workmanship is as marvellous as before.

THE CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. NAHUM, HABAKKUK, AND ZEPHANIAH. BY THE REV. A. B. DAVIDSON, LL.D., D.D. (Cambridge: *At the University Press*. Fcap. 8vo, pp. 144.) It has been said of a scholar who has just left us, that there were times when he would labour through many pages to express a thought which in his best

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Huzzab. The word is altogether obscure, and Assyriology has not been able to throw any light upon it. Reference must be to the queen; but whether she be called by her name, or whether some epithet be applied to her, is uncertain. The text even may be faulty. Some would read *hazzab*, 'the lizard,' a creature which takes refuge in holes, fancying that the queen was so called because she was detected and dragged from her hiding-place. This poor witticism need not be attributed to the prophet. There is another word *hazzab*, signifying 'the litter' or palanquin (Isa. lxi. 20), and in lieu of anything better one might be tempted to think that the litter might mean the woman or lady, just as in Arabic *dha'inah* means a woman's litter and then a woman.

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he has given us here. And as for mistakes in spelling, we have discovered one ourselves. It is the unconquerable Herrmann, whose name has been a greater cause of offence than all his Ritschlian writings. So, though a careful examination of this second edition of Dr. Cave's *Introduction* has convinced us that it is the best book on its subject in the language, and absolutely indispensable to the student of theology in any of its branches, Dr. Cave has deliberately given himself away.

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The known world is divided into three zones, northern, central, and southern; the northern zone being assigned to Japhet, the central to Shem, and the southern to Ham. There are only two exceptions to this rule, and these are exceptions which prove it. Canaan is assigned to the southern zone instead of the central, and is made the brother of Mizraim. But this is

because in the Mosaic age Canaan was a province of Egypt, and therefore geographically and politically connected with the latter country. Sheba and Havilah, again, are counted twice, once among the descendants of Ham, a second time among those of Shem. But we now know that the kingdom of Sheba extended from the southern coast of Arabia to the northern desert of the Peninsula, and so belonged to both the southern and the central zones.

The age to which the chapter takes us back is indicated by the position given to Canaan. It is a position that was true of it only during the age of the eighteenth and nineteenth Egyptian dynasties. Syria was conquered by the monarchs of the eighteenth dynasty, and it was finally lost to the Pharaohs under the immediate successors of Ramses II. of the nineteenth dynasty. Ramses II. was the builder of Pithom, and the Pharaoh of the Oppression; and the Mosaic age thus marks the limit of time during which the chart in its original form could have been compiled. After that age no one would have dreamed of coupling Canaan and Egypt together.

The mention of the Philistines would suit the same period. It was in the time of Ramses III. of the twentieth dynasty, shortly before the Hebrew conquest of Canaan, that they seem to have first settled in Palestine. To the same period also, as we shall see, probably belongs the notice of Nimrod.