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Dr. Beet will reply to Dr. Petavel, as well as to Welldon's new book on *The Hope of Immortality*, in THE EXPOSITORY TIMES.

### THE BOOKS OF THE MONTH.

THE PARALLEL PSALTER. BY THE REV. S. R. DRIVER, D.D., LITT.D. (Oxford: *At the Clarendon Press*. Fcap. 8vo, pp. xlv, 488. 6s.)

We have been greatly interested in this little book. Let us first say what it is. It is a new translation of the Psalms, based on Baer's edition of the Massoretic text. This translation is meant for comparison with the Prayer-Book version, which is printed on the opposite page. There is an Introduction to the English versions of the Psalter, and to the Prayer-Book version in particular. And then there are two Appendixes: the first giving a glossary of expressions in the Psalter (Dr. Driver's version) that are noteworthy because of their relation to the Hebrew; the second, a glossary of Archaisms occurring in the Prayer-Book version.

So the interest is many-sided. It is interesting, for one thing, to discover Dr. Driver in the study of the English versions, and turning his study to such account. His Introduction and Archaic glossary are finished examples of what these things should be. But the deepest interest is in the new translation of the Psalms. This is an unmistakable and even most pronounced addition to the literature of the subject. We will even go so far as to say, after having carefully compared the translation in critical places with all the latest at command, that Dr. Driver's stands alone in conservative accuracy of translation and felicity of English phrase. Would that it were possible for this translation to replace the antiquated and inadequate one in use in the English Prayer-Book.

THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST FROM PASCAL. BY W. B. MORRIS. (*Burns & Oates*. Crown 8vo, pp. xxiv, 196. 3s.)

Mr. Morris has conceived the idea of gathering from the writings of Pascal his proofs of the Divinity of Jesus. It is a good and, at such a time as this, a useful idea. But Mr. Morris has not made the most of it. He cannot get away from himself. We are constantly coming to Pascal; once or twice we get in sight of him; but the book closes, and we have only caught glimpses of him. It is a good-natured gossip volume, but it does not do much for the Divinity of Jesus.

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