

COMMENTING AND COMMENTARIES (LECTURES)

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Spurgeon's practical guide for preachers on biblical commentary and the art of explaining Scripture, providing concentrated guidance on this essential ministerial skill.

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BOOK: Commenting and Commentaries (Lectures)

Commenting and Commentaries

Two Lectures Addressed to the students of The Pastors' College,

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Preface

Preface When I issued the first volume of "Lectures to my Students" it was my intention to prepare another series as soon as time permitted, and I meant to include two addresses upon Commenting in the proposed selection. It struck me, however, that a better thing was possible. The two lectures might introduce the topic of exposition, and then a catalogue of Commentaries might help the student to carry the advice into practice. The making of that catalogue would, of course, be no small labour; but, once accomplished, it might be of service to many, and effect more in the direction aimed at than the most earnest exhortations. I therefore resolved to attempt the work, and here is the result.

It would be easy to point out the deficiencies of the modern pulpit, and hold up one's own ideal of what preaching ought to be, but this has been so often attempted by others with such slender results that we decline the task. A judicious critic would probably complain that many sermons are deficient in solid instruction, Biblical exposition, and Scriptural argument: they are flashy, rather than fleshy; clever, rather than solid; entertaining, rather than impressive. He would point to rhetorical discourses in which doctrine is barely discernible, and brilliant harangues from which no food for the soul could ever be extracted. Having done this, he would probably propose that homilies should flow out of texts, and should consist of a clear explanation, and an earnest enforcement of the truths which the texts distinctly teach. Expository preaching he would advocate as the great need of the day, its best protection against rising errors, and its surest means of spiritual edification. To such observations most of us would offer no opposition; we should confess them to be full of wisdom, and worthy of being pondered. We should not unite in any indiscriminate censuring of hortatory addresses, or topical sermons, nor should we agree with the demand that every discourse should be limited to the range of its text, nor even that it should have a text at all; but we should heartily subscribe to the declaration, that more expository preaching is greatly needed, and that all preachers would be the better if they were more able expounders of the inspired Word. To render such a result more probable, every inducement to search the Holy Scriptures should be placed in the way of our ministers, and to the younger brethren some guidance should be proffered as to the works most likely to aid them in their studies. Many are persuaded that they should expound the Word, but being unversed in the original tongues they can only fall back upon the help of their English Concordances, and are left floundering about, when a sound comment would direct their thoughts. True, the Holy Spirit will instruct the seeker, but he works by means. The Ethiopian eunuch might have received divine illumination, and doubtless did receive it, but still, when asked whether he understood the Scripture which he read, he replied, "How can I unless some man shall guide me?" The guiding man is needed still. Divines who have studied the Scriptures have left us great stores of holy thought which we do well to use. Their expositions can never be a substitute for our own meditations, but as water poured down a dry pump often sets it to work to bring up water of its own, so suggestive reading sets the mind in motion on its own account. Here, however, is the difficulty. Students do not find it easy to choose which works to buy, and their slender stores are often wasted on books of a comparatively

worthless kind. If I can save a poor man from spending his money for that which is not bread, or, by directing a brother to a good book, may enable him to dig deeper into the mines of truth, I shall be well repaid. For this purpose I have toiled, and read much, and passed under review some three or four thousand volumes. From these I have compiled my catalogue, rejecting man, yet making a very varied selection. Though I have carefully used such judgment as I possess, I have doubtless made many errors; I shall certainly find very few who will agree with all my criticisms, and some persons may be angry at my remarks. I have, however, done my best, and, with as much impartiality as I can command, I have nothing extenuated nor set down aught in malice. He who finds fault will do well to execute the work in better style; only let him remember that he will have my heifer to plough with and therefore ought in all reason to excel me.

I have used a degree of pleasantry in my remarks on the Commentaries, for a catalogue is a dry affair, and, as much for my own sake as for that of my readers, I have indulged the mirthful vein here and there. For this I hope I shall escape censure, even if I do not win commendation. The preface to the Catalogue will be found on pages 33 and 34, which the reader is requested to peruse before attempting to use the list. To God I commend this labour, which has been undertaken and carried out with no motive but that of honoring his name, and edifying his Church by stimulating the study of his Word. May he, for his Son's sake, grant my heart's desire.

The Pastor's College The Pastors' College The preparation of the present work was suggested by the author's connection with the Pastors' College, and the Library of that Institution has in a high degree assisted in its execution, therefore the reader must permit the College to be noticed in these pages in the same manner as in the former volume of this series. To make it known, and to win for it willing friends is confessedly one object, of these publications, which may indeed be viewed as merely the giving forth to a wider area the instruction carried on within the College walls. The Institution is intended to aid useful preachers in obtaining a better education. It takes no man to make him a minister, but requires that its pupils should, as a rule, have exercised their gifts for at least two years and have won souls to Jesus. These we receive, however poor or backward they may be, and our endeavours are all turned towards the one aim that they should be instructed in the things of God, furnished for their work, and practised in the gift of utterance. Much prayer is made by the Church that this end may be accomplished, nor has the prayer been in vain, for some 330 men are now declaring the gospel of Jesus who were trained in this manner. Besides the students for the regular ministry, several hundreds of street preachers, city missionaries, teachers, and workers of all kinds have passed through our evening classes, and a band of 250 such men are now with us, pursuing their callings by day and studying in the evening. We ask for much prayer from all our brethren, that the supply of the Spirit may sanctify the teaching, and anoint every worker for the service of the Lord. As it would be quite unwarrantable for us to interfere with the arrangements of other bodies of Christians, who have their own methods of training their ministers, and as it is obvious that we could not find spheres for men in denominations with which we have no ecclesiastical connection, we confine our college to Baptists; and in order not to be harassed with endless controversies, we invite those only who hold those views of divine truth which are popularly known as Calvinistic,—not that we care for names and phrases, but as we wish to be understood, we use a term which conveys our meaning as nearly as any descriptive word can do. Believing the grand doctrines of grace to be the natural accompaniments of the fundamental evangelical truth of redemption by the blood of Jesus, we hold and teach them not

only in our ministry to the masses, but in the more select instruction of the class room. Latitudinarianism with its infidelity, and unsectarianism with its intolerance, are neither of them friends of ours: we delight in the man who believes, and therefore speaks. Our Lord has given us no permission to be liberal with what is none of ours. We are to give an account of every truth with which we are put in trust. Our means for conducting this work are with the most High God, possessor of heaven and earth. We have no list of subscribers or roll of endowments. Our trust is in Him whom we desire to serve. He has supported the work for many years, by moving his stewards to send us help, and we are sure that he will continue to do so as long as he desires us to pursue this labour of love. We need, at least, 100 pounds every week of the year. Since our service is gratuitous in every sense, we the more freely appeal to those who agree with us in believing that to aid an earnest young minister to equip himself for his life work is a worthy effort. No money yields so large a return, no work is so important, just now none is so absolutely needful.

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Lecture 1: A Chat About Commentaries

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A Chat About Commentaries In order to be able to expound the Scriptures, and as an aid to your pulpit studies, you will need to be familiar with the commentators: a glorious army, let me tell you, whose acquaintance will be your delight and profit. Of course, you are not such wiseacres as to think or say that you can expound Scripture without assistance from the works of divines and learned men who have laboured before you in the field of exposition. If you are of that opinion, pray remain so, for you are not worth the trouble of conversion, and like a little coterie who think with you, would resent the attempt as an insult to your infallibility. It seems odd, that certain men who talk so much of what the Holy Spirit reveals to themselves, should think so little of what he has revealed to others. My chat this afternoon is not for these great originals, but for you who are content to learn of holy men, taught of God, and mighty in the Scriptures. It has been the fashion of late years to speak against the use of commentaries. If there were any fear that the expositions of Matthew Henry, Gill, Scott, and others, would be exalted into Christian Targums, we would join the chorus of objectors, but the existence or approach of such a danger we do not suspect. The temptations of our times lie rather in empty pretensions to novelty of sentiment, than in a slavish following of accepted guides. A respectable acquaintance with the opinions of the giants of the past, might have saved many an erratic thinker from wild interpretations and outrageous inferences. Usually, we have found the despisers of commentaries to be men who have no sort of acquaintance with them; in their case, it is the opposite of familiarity which has bred contempt. It is true there are a number of expositions of the whole Bible which are hardly worth shelf room; they aim at too much and fail altogether; the authors have spread a little learning over a vast surface, and have badly attempted for the entire Scriptures what they might have accomplished for one book with tolerable success; but who will deny the preeminent value of such expositions as those of Calvin, Ness, Henry, Trapp, Poole, and Bengel, which are as deep as they are broad? and yet further, who can pretend to biblical learning who has not made himself familiar with the great writers who spent a life in explaining some one sacred book? Caryl on Job will not exhaust the patience of a student who loves every letter of the Word; even Collinges, with his nine hundred and nine pages upon one chapter of the Song, will not be too full for the preacher's use; nor will Manton's long metre edition of the hundred and nineteenth Psalm (Psalms 119:1-176) be too profuse. No stranger could imagine the vast amount of real learning to be found in old commentaries like the following:—Durham on Solomon's Song, Wilcocks on Psalms and Proverbs, Jermin on Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, Greenhill on Ezekiel, Burroughs on Hosea, Ainsworth on the Pentateuch, King on Jonah, Hutcheson on John, Peter Martyr on Romans, &c., and in Willett, Sibbes, Bayne, Elton, Byfield, Daille, Adams, Taylor, Barlow, Goodwin, and others on the various epistles. Without attempting to give in detail the names of all, I intend in a familiar talk to mention the more notable, who wrote upon the whole Bible, or on either Testament, and I especially direct your attention to the titles, which in Puritan writers generally give in brief the run of the work.

First among the mighty for general usefulness we are bound to mention the man whose name is a household word, Matthew Henry. He is most pious and pithy, sound and sensible, suggestive and sober, terse and trustworthy. You will find him to be glittering with metaphors, rich in analogies, overflowing with illustrations, superabundant in reflections. He delights in apposition and alliteration; he is usually plain, quaint, and full of pith; he sees right through a text directly; apparently he is not critical, but he quietly gives the result of an accurate critical knowledge of the original fully up to the best critics of his time. He is not versed in the manners and customs of the East, for the Holy Land was not so accessible as in our day; but he is deeply spiritual, heavenly, and profitable; finding good matter in every text, and from all deducing most practical and judicious lessons. His is a kind of commentary to be placed where I saw it, in the old meeting house at Chester—chained in the vestry for anybody and everybody to read. It is the poor man's commentary, the old Christian's companion, suitable to everybody, instructive to all. His own account of how he was led to write his exposition, affords us an example of delighting in the law of the Lord. "If any desire to know how so mean and obscure a person as I am, who in learning, judgment, felicity of expression, and all advantages for such a service, am less than the least of all my Master's servants, came to venture upon so great a work, I can give no other account of it but this. It has long been my practice, what little time I had to spare in my study from my constant preparations for the pulpit, to spend it in drawing up expositions upon some parts of the New Testament, not so much for my own use, as purely for my own entertainment, because I know not how to employ my thoughts and time more to my satisfaction. *Trahit sua quemque voluptas*; every man that studies hath some beloved study, which is his delight above any other; and this is mine. It is that learning which it was my happiness from a child to be trained up in by my ever honoured father, whose memory must always be very dear and precious to me. He often minded me, that a good textuary is a good divine; and that I should read other books with this in my eye, that I might be the better able to understand and apply the Scripture." You are aware, perhaps, that the latter part of the New Testament was completed by other hands, the good man having gone the way of all flesh. The writers were Messrs, Evans, Brown, Mayo, Bays, Rosewell, Harriss, Atkinson, Smith, Tong, Wright, Merrell, Hill, Reynolds, and Billingsley—all Dissenting ministers. They have executed their work exceedingly well, have worked in much of the matter which Henry had collected, and have done their best to follow his methods, but their combined production is far inferior to Matthew Henry himself, and any reader will soon detect the difference. Every minister ought to read Matthew Henry entirely and carefully through once at least. I should recommend you to get through it in the next twelve months after you leave college. Begin at the beginning, and resolve that you will traverse the goodly land from Dan to Beersheba. You will acquire a vast store of sermons if you read with your notebook close at hand; and as for thoughts, they will swarm around you like twittering swallows around an old gable towards the close of autumn. If you publicly expound the chapter you have just been reading, your people will wonder at the novelty of your remarks and the depth of your thoughts, and then you may tell them what a treasure Henry is. Mr. Jay's sermons bear indubitable evidence of his having studied Matthew Henry almost daily. Many of the quaint things in Jay's sermons are either directly traceable to Matthew Henry or to his familiarity with that writer. I have thought that the style of Jay was founded upon Matthew Henry: Matthew Henry is Jay writing, Jay is Matthew Henry preaching. What more could I say in commendation either of the preacher or the author?

It would not be possible for me too earnestly to press upon you the importance of reading the expositions of that prince among men, John Calvin! I am afraid that scant purses may debar you from their purchase, but if it be possible procure them, and meanwhile, since they are in the College library, use them diligently. I have often felt inclined to cry out with Father Simon, a Roman Catholic, "Calvin possessed a sublime genius", and with Scaliger, "Oh! how well has Calvin reached the meaning of the prophets—no one better." You will find forty two or more goodly volumes worth their weight in gold. Of all commentators I believe John Calvin to be the most candid. In his expositions he is not always what moderns would call Calvinistic; that is to say, where Scripture maintains the doctrine of predestination and grace he flinches in no degree, but inasmuch as some Scriptures bear the impress of human free action and responsibility, he does not shun to expound their meaning in all fairness and integrity. He was no trimmer and pruner of texts. He gave their meaning as far as he knew it. His honest intention was to translate the Hebrew and the Greek originals as accurately as he possibly could, and then to give the meaning which would naturally be conveyed by such Greek and Hebrew words: he laboured, in fact, to declare, not his own mind upon the Spirit's words, but the mind of the Spirit as couched in those words. Dr. King very truly says of him, "No writer ever dealt more fairly and honestly by the Word of God. He is scrupulously careful to let it speak for itself, and to guard against every tendency of his own mind to put upon it a questionable meaning for the sake of establishing some doctrine which he feels to be important, or some theory which he is anxious to uphold. This is one of his prime excellences. He will not maintain any doctrine, however orthodox and essential, by a text of Scripture which to him appears of doubtful application, or of inadequate force. For instance, firmly as he believed the doctrine of the Trinity, he refuses to derive an argument in its favour from the plural form of the name of God in the first chapter of Genesis. It were easy to multiply examples of this kind, which, whether we agree in his conclusion or not, cannot fail to produce the conviction that he is at least an honest commentator, and will not make any passage of Scripture speak more or less than, according to his view, its divine Author intended it to speak." The edition of John Calvin's works which was issued by the Calvin Translation Society, is greatly enriched by the remarks of the editors, consisting not merely of notes on the Latin of Calvin, and the French translation, or on the text of the original Scriptures, but also of weighty opinions of eminent critics, illustrative manners and customs, and observations of travellers. By the way, gentlemen, what a pity it is that people do not, as a rule, read the notes in the old Puritan books! If you purchase old copies of such writers as Brooks, you will find that the notes in the margin are almost as rich as the books themselves. They are dust of gold, of the same metal as the ingots in the centre of the page. But to return to Calvin. If you needed any confirmatory evidence as to the value of his writings, I might summon a cloud of witnesses, but it will suffice to quote one or two. Here is the opinion of one who is looked upon as his great enemy, namely, Arminius: "Next to the perusal of the Scriptures, which I earnestly inculcate, I exhort my pupils to peruse Calvin's commentaries, which I extol in loftier terms than Helmich himself; for I affirm that he excels beyond comparison in the interpretation of Scripture, and that his commentaries ought to be more highly valued than all that is handed down to us by the Library of the Fathers; so that I acknowledge him to have possessed above most others, or rather above all other men, what may be called an eminent gift of prophecy."

Quaint Robert Robinson said of him, "There is no abridging this sententious commentator, and the more I read him, the more does he become a favourite expositor with me." Holy Baxter wrote, "I

know no man since the apostles' days, whom I value and honour more than Calvin, and whose judgment in all things, one with another, I more esteem and come nearer to."

If you are well enough versed in Latin, you will find in Poole's Synopsis, a marvellous collection of all the wisdom and folly of the critics. It is a large cyclopaedia worthy of the days when theologians could be cyclopean, and had not shrunk from folios to octavos. Query—a query for which I will not demand an answer—has one of you ever beaten the dust from the venerable copy of Poole which loads our library shelves? Yet as Poole spent no less than ten years in compiling it, it should be worthy of your frequent notice—ten years, let me add, spent in Amsterdam in exile for the truth's sake from his native land. His work was based upon an earlier compilation entitled *Critici Sacri*, containing the concentrated light of a constellation of learned men who have never been excelled in any age or country.

Matthew Poole also wrote *Annotations upon the Word of God*, in English, which are mentioned by Matthew Henry as having passed through many impressions in his day, and he not only highly praises them, but declares that he has in his own work all along been brief upon that which Mr. Poole has more largely discussed, and has industriously declined what is to be found there. The three volumes, tolerably cheap, and easily to be got at, are necessaries for your libraries. On the whole, if I must have only one commentary, and had read Matthew Henry as I have, I do not know but what I should choose Poole. He is a very prudent and judicious commentator; and one of the few who could honestly say, "We have not willingly balked any obvious difficulty, and have designed a just satisfaction to all our readers; and if any knot remains yet untied, we have told our readers what hath been most probably said for their satisfaction in the untying of it." Poole is not so pithy and witty by far as Matthew Henry, but he is perhaps more accurate, less a commentator, and more an expositor. You meet with no ostentation of learning in Matthew Poole, and that for the simple reason that he was so profoundly learned as to be able to give results without a display of his intellectual crockery. A pedant who is for ever quoting Ambrose and Jerome, Piscator and OEcolampadius, in order to show what a copious reader he has been, is usually a dealer in small wares, and quotes only what others have quoted before him, but he who can give you the result and outcome of very extensive reading without sounding a trumpet before him is the really learned man. Mind you do not confound the *Annotations* with the *Synopsis*; the English work is not a translation of the Latin one, but an entirely distinct performance. Strange to say, like the other great Matthew he did not live to complete his work beyond Isaiah 58; other hands united to finish the design. Would it be possible to eulogise too much the incomparably sententious and suggestive folios of John Trapp? Since Mr. Dickinson has rendered them accessible, I trust most of you have bought them. Trapp will be most valuable to men of discernment, to thoughtful men, to men who only want a start in a line of thought, and are then able to run alone. Trapp excels in witty stories on the one hand, and learned allusions on the other. You will not thoroughly enjoy him unless you can turn to the original, and yet a mere dunce at classics will prize him. His writings remind me of himself: he was a pastor, hence his holy practical remarks; he was the head of a public school, and everywhere we see his profound scholarship; he was for some time amid the guns and drums of a parliamentary garrison, and he gossips and tells queer anecdotes like a man used to a soldier's life; yet withal, he comments as if he had been nothing else but a commentator all his days. Some of his remarks are far fetched, and like the far fetched rarities of Solomon's Tarshish, there is much gold and silver, but there are also apes and peacocks. His criticisms would

some of them be the cause of amusement in these days of greater scholarship; but for all that, he who shall excel Trapp had need rise very early in the morning. Trapp is my especial companion and treasure; I can read him when I am too weary for anything else. Trapp is salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar, and all the other condiments. Put him on the table when you study, and when you have your dish ready, use him by way of spicing the whole thing. Yes, gentlemen, read Trapp certainly, and if you catch the infection of his consecrated humour, so much the better for your hearers. A very distinguished place is due to Dr. Gill. Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient. When an opponent in controversy had ventured to call him "a butcher in divinity", the good doctor, being compelled to become a fool in glorying, gave such a list of his attainments as must have covered his accuser with confusion. His great work on the Holy Scriptures is greatly prized at the present day by the best authorities, which is conclusive evidence of its value, since the set of the current of theological thought is quite contrary to that of Dr. Gill. No one in these days is likely to be censured for his Arminianism, but most modern divines affect to sneer at anything a little too highly Calvinistic: however, amid the decadence of his own rigid system, and the disrepute of even more moderate Calvinism, Gill's laurels as an expositor are still green. His ultraism is discarded, but his learning is respected: the world and the church take leave to question his dogmatism, but they both bow before his erudition. Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning. Say what you will about that lore, it has its value: of course, a man has to rake among perfect dunghills and dust heaps, but there are a few jewels which the world could not afford to miss. Gill was a master cinder sifter among the Targums, the Talmuds, the Mishna, and the Gemara. Richly did he deserve the degree of which he said, "I never bought it, nor thought it, nor sought it."

He was always at work; it is difficult to say when he slept, for he wrote 10,000 folio pages of theology. The portrait of him which belongs to this church, and hangs in my private vestry, and from which all the published portraits have been engraved, represents him after an interview with an Arminian gentleman, turning up his nose in a most expressive manner, as if he could not endure even the smell of freewill. In some such a vein he wrote his commentary. He hunts Arminianism throughout the whole of it. He is far from being so interesting and readable as Matthew Henry. He delivered his comments to his people from Sabbath to Sabbath, hence their peculiar mannerism. His frequent method of animad-version is, "This text does not mean this", nobody ever thought it did; "It does not mean that", only two or three heretics ever imagined it did; and again it does not mean a third thing, or a fourth, or a fifth, or a sixth absurdity; but at last he thinks it does mean so-and-so, and tells you so in a methodical, sermon like manner. This is an easy method, gentlemen, of filling up the time, if you are ever short of heads for a sermon. Show your people firstly, secondly, and thirdly, what the text does not mean, and then afterwards you can go back and show them what it does mean. It may be thought, however, that one such a teacher is enough, and that what was tolerated from a learned doctor would be scouted in a student fresh from college. For good, sound, massive, sober sense in commenting, who can excel Gill? Very seldom does he allow himself to be run away with by imagination, except now and then when he tries to open up a parable, and finds a meaning in every circumstance and minute detail; or when he falls upon a text which is not congenial with his creed, and hacks and hews terribly to bring the word of God into a more systematic shape. Gill is the Coryphaeus of hyper-Calvinism, but if his followers never went beyond their master, they would not go very far astray.

I have placed next to Gill in my library Adam Clarke, but as I have no desire to have my rest broken by wars among the authors, I have placed Doddridge between them. If the spirits of the two worthies could descend to the earth in the same mood in which they departed, no one house would be able to hold them. Adam Clarke is the great annotator of our Wesleyan friends; and they have no reason to be ashamed of him, for he takes rank among the chief of expositors. His mind was evidently fascinated by the singularities of learning, and hence his commentary is rather too much of an old curiosity shop, but it is filled with valuable rarities, such as none but a great man could have collected. Like Gill, he is one sided, only in the opposite direction to our friend the Baptist. The use of the two authors may help to preserve the balance of your judgments. If you consider Clarke wanting in unction, do not read him for savour but for criticism, and then you will not be disappointed. The author thought that lengthy reflections were rather for the preacher than the commentator, and hence it was not a part of his plan to write such observations as those which endear Matthew Henry to the million. If you have a copy of Adam Clarke, and exercise discretion in reading it, you will derive immense advantage from it, for frequently by a sort of side light he brings out the meaning of the text in an astonishingly novel manner. I do not wonder that Adam Clarke still stands, notwithstanding his peculiarities, a prince among commentators. I do not find him so helpful as Gill, but still from his side of the question, with which I have personally no sympathy, he is an important writer, and deserves to be studied by every reader of the Scriptures. He very judiciously says of Dr. Gill, "He was a very learned and good man, but has often lost sight of his better judgment in spiritualising the text"; this is the very verdict which we pass upon himself, only altering the last sentence a word or two; "He has often lost sight of his better judgment in following learned singularities"; the monkey, instead of the serpent, tempting Eve, is a notable instance. As I am paying no sort of attention to chronological order, I shall now wander back to old Master Mayer, rare and valuable author. I have been in London a long time now, but I have only of late been able to complete my set. The first volume especially is rare in the extreme. The six volumes, folio, are a most judicious and able digest of feather commentators, enriched with the author's own notes, forming altogether one of the fullest and best of learned English commentaries; not meant for popular use, but invaluable to the student. He is a link between the modern school, at the head of which I put Poole and Henry, and the older school who mostly wrote in Latin, and were tinged with the conceits of those schoolmen who gathered like flies around the corpse of Aristotle. He appears to have written before Diodati and Trapp, but lacked opportunity to publish. I fear he will be forgotten, as there is but little prospect of the republication of so diffuse, and perhaps heavy, an author. He is a very Alp of learning, but cold and lacking in spirituality, hence his lack of popularity. In 1653, Arthur Jackson, Preacher of God's Word in Wood Street, London, issued four volumes upon the Old Testament, which appear to have been the result of his pulpit expositions to his people. Valuable his works would be if there were no better, but they are not comparable to others already and afterwards mentioned. You can do without him, but he is a reputable author. Far more useful is Ness's History And Mystery of the Old and New Testament, a grand repository of quaint remarks upon the historical books of Scripture. You will find it contained in four thin folio volumes, and you will have a treasure if you procure it.

Need I commend Bishop Hall's Contemplations affectionate attention? What wit! What sound sense! What concealed learning! His style is as pithy and witty as that of Thomas Fuller, and it has a sacred unction about it to which Fuller has no pretension. to your Haak's Annotations come to us as the offspring of the famous Synod of Dort, and the Westminster Annotations as the production

of a still more venerable assembly; but if, with my hat off, bowing profoundly to those august conclaves of master minds, I may venture to say so, I would observe that they furnish another instance that committees seldom equal the labours of individuals. The notes are too short and fragmentary to be of any great value. The volumes are a heavy investment.

Among entire commentators of modern date, a high place is usually awarded to Thomas Scott, and I shall not dispute his right to it. He is the expositor of evangelical Episcopalians, even as Adam Clarke is the prophet of the Wesleyans, but to me he has seldom given a thought, and I have almost discontinued consulting him. The very first money I ever received for pulpit services in London was invested in Thomas Scott, and I neither regretted the investment nor became exhilarated thereby. His work has always been popular, is very judicious, thoroughly sound and gracious: but for suggestiveness and pith is not comparable to Matthew Henry. I know I am talking heresy, but I cannot help saying that for a minister's use, Scott is mere milk and water—good and trustworthy, but not solid enough in matter for full grown men. In the family, Scott will hold his place, but in the study you want condensed thought, and this you must look for elsewhere. To all young men of light purses let me recommend The Tract Society's Commentary, in six volumes, which contains the marrow of Henry and Scott, with notes from a hundred other authors. It is well executed, and for poor men a great Godsend. I believe the Society has some special arrangement for poor students, that they may have these volumes at the cheapest rate.

Gentlemen, if you want something full of marrow and fatness, cheering to your own hearts by way of comment, and likely to help you in giving to your hearers rich expositions, buy Dr. Hawker's Poor Man's Commentary. Dr. Hawker was the very least of commentators in the matter of criticism; he had no critical capacity, and no ability whatever as an interpreter of the letter; but he sees Jesus, and that is a sacred gift which is most precious whether the owner be a critic or no. It is to be confessed that he occasionally sees Jesus where Jesus is not legitimately to be seen. He allows his reason to be mastered by his affections, which, vice as it is, is not the worst fault in the world. There is always such a savour of the Lord Jesus Christ in Dr. Hawker that you cannot read him without profit. He has the peculiar idea that Christ is in every Psalm, and this often leads him totally astray, because he attributes expressions to the Saviour which really shock the holy mind to imagine our Lord's using. However, not as a substantial dish, but as a condiment, place the Plymouth vicar's work on the table. His writing is all sugar, and you will know how to use it, not devouring it in lumps, but using it to flavour other things.

"Albert Barnes", say you, "what, do you think of Albert Barnes?" Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday School teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil. If a controversial eye had been turned upon Barnes's Notes years ago, and his inaccuracies shown up by some unsparing hand, he would never have had the popularity which at one time set rival publishers advertising him in every direction. His Old Testament volumes are to be greatly commended as learned and laborious, and the epistles are useful as a valuable collection of the various opinions of learned men. Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday School teachers.

Upon the New Testament Doddridge's Expositor is worthy of a far more extensive reading than is nowadays accorded to it. It is all in the form of a paraphrase, with the text in italics; a mode of treatment far from satisfactory as a rule, but exceedingly well carried out in this instance. The notes are very good, and reveal the thorough scholar. Our authorised version is placed in the margin, and a new translation in the paraphrase. The four evangelists are thrown into a harmony, a plan which has its advantages but is not without its evils. The practical improvements at the end of each chapter generally consist of pressing exhortations and devout meditations, suggested by the matter under discussion. It is sadly indicative of the Socinianism of the age in which this good man lived, that he feels called upon to apologise for the evangelical strain in which he has written. He appears to have barely finished this work in shorthand at the time of his death, and the later books were transcribed under the care of Job Orton. No Life Insurance Society should accept the proposals of a commentator on the whole of either Testament, for it seems to be the rule that such students of the Word should be taken up to their reward before their task is quite completed.

Then, of course, gentlemen, you will economise rigidly until you have accumulated funds to purchase Kitto's Pictorial Bible. You mean to take that goodly freight on board before you launch upon the sea of married life. As you cannot visit the Holy Land, it is well for you that there is a work like the Pictorial Bible, in which the notes of the most observant travellers are arranged under the texts which they illustrate. For the geography, zoology, botany, and manners and customs of Palestine, this will be your counsellor and guide. Add to this noble comment, which is sold at a surprisingly low price, the eight volumes of Kitto's Daily Readings. They are not exactly a commentary, but what marvellous expositions you have there! You have reading more interesting than any novel that was ever written, and as instructive as the heaviest theology. The matter is quite attractive and fascinating, and yet so weighty, that the man who shall study those eight volumes thoroughly, will not fail to read his Bible intelligently and with growing interest. The Gnomon of the New Testament, by John Albert Bengel, is the scholar's delight. He selected the title as modest and appropriate, intending it in the sense of a pointer or indicator, like the sundial; his aim being to point out or indicate the full force and meaning of the words and sentences of the New Testament. He endeavours to let the text itself cast its shadow on his page, believing with Luther that "the science of theology is nothing else but grammar exercised on the words of the Holy Spirit". The editor of the translation published by Messrs. Clarke, says in his preface, "It is quite superfluous to write in praise of the Gnomon of Bengel. Ever since the year in which it was first published, A.D. 1742, up to the present time, it has been growing in estimation, and has been more and more widely circulated among the scholars of all countries. Though modern criticism has furnished many valuable additions to our materials for New Testament exegesis, yet, in some respects, Bengel stands out still 'facile princeps' among all who have laboured, or who as yet labour in that important field. He is unrivalled in felicitous brevity, combined with what seldom accompanies that excellence, namely, perspicuity. Terse, weighty, and suggestive, he often, as a modern writer observes, 'condenses more matter into a line, than can be extracted from pages of other writers.'"... "In the passages which form the subject of controversy between Calvinists and Arminians, Bengel takes the view adopted by the latter, and in this respect I do not concur with him. But whilst he thus gives an undue prominence, as it would seem to me, to the responsibility and freedom of man in these passages, yet, in the general tenor of his work, there breathe such a holy reverence for God's sovereignty, and such spiritual unction, that the most extreme Calvinist would, for the most part, be unable to discover to what section of opinions he attached himself,

and as to the controverted passages would feel inclined to say, 'Quum talis sis, utinam noster esses.'"

Men with a dislike for thinking had better not purchase the five precious volumes, for they will be of little use to them; but men who love brain work will find fine exercise in spelling out the deep meaning of Bengel's excessively terse sentences. His principles of interpretation stated in his "Essay on the Right Way of Handling Divine Subjects", are such as will make the lover of God's word feel safe in his hands: `Put nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden, that is really in them." "Though each inspired writer has his own manner and style, one and the same Spirit breathes through all, one grand idea pervades all." "Every divine communication carries (like the diamond) its own light with it, thus showing whence it comes; no touchstone is required to discriminate it." "The true commentator will fasten his primary attention on the letter (literal meaning), but never forget that the Spirit must equally accompany him; at the same time we must never devise a more spiritual meaning for Scripture passages than the Holy Spirit intended." "The historical matters of Scripture, both narrative and prophecy, constitute as it were the bones of its system, whereas the spiritual matters are as its muscles, blood vessels, and nerves. As the bones are necessary to the human system, so Scripture must have its historical matters. The expositor who nullifies the historical ground work of Scripture for the sake of finding only spiritual truths everywhere, brings death on all correct interpretations. Those expositions are the safest which keep closest to the text." His idea of the true mode of dying touched me much when I first saw it. He declared that he would make no spiritual parade of his last hours, but if possible continue at his usual works, and depart this life as a person in the midst of business leaves the room to attend to a knock at the door. Accordingly he was occupied with the correction of his proof sheets as at other times, and the last messenger summoned him to his rest while his hands were full. This reveals a calm, well balanced mind, and unveils many of those singular characteristics which enabled him to become the laborious recensor of the various M.S.S., and the pioneer of true Biblical criticism. The Critical English Testament. A Critical New Testament, so compiled as to enable a reader, unacquainted with Greek, to ascertain the exact English force and meaning of the language of the New Testament, and to appreciate the latest results of modern criticism." Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of Bengel's Gnomon is bodily transferred into the work, and as one hundred and twenty years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it is multum in parvo, and will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely, with other German and English critics, to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament.

Alford's Greek Testament, "for the use of Theological Students and Ministers", is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is

quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition.

What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers, which is also a standard work.

I must confess also a very tender side towards Bloomfield's Greek Testament, and I am singular enough to prefer it in some respects to Alford; at least, I have got more out of it on some passages, and I think it does not deserve to be regarded as superseded. The Commentary by Patrick, Lowth, Arnald, Whitby, and Lowman, is said by Darling to be of standard authority, but you may do without it with less loss than in the case of several others I have mentioned. The authors were men of great learning, their association in one commentary is remarkable, and their joint production has a place in all complete libraries.

Dr. Wordsworth's Holy Bible, With Notes and Introductions, is a valuable addition to our stores, but it is rendered much more bulky and expensive than it needed to be by the printing of the text at large. It gives many precious hints, and much of the choicest thought of mediaeval writers, besides suggesting catch words and showing connections between various passages. although it is occasionally marred by the characteristic weaknesses of the Bishop, and has here and there foolishnesses at which one cannot but smile, it is a great work, such as only an eminent scholar could have produced.

I am not so enamoured of the German writers as certain of my brethren appear to be, for they are generally cold and hard, and unspiritual. As Dr. Graham says, "there are about twenty or thirty names in the literary world who have gained a conspicuous place in theological circles; and in German commentaries these are perpetually introduced. In some of them the bulk of the work is made up of these authoritative names, and quotations from their works. This gives their writings the appearance of prodigious learning and research. Every page is bristling with hard words and strange languages, and the eye of the common reader is terrified at the very appearance, as the peaceful citizen is at the pointed cannon of a fortress." I do, however, greatly prize the series lately produced under the presidency of Dr. Lange. These volumes are not all of equal value, but, as a whole, they are a grand addition to our stores. The American translators have added considerably to the German work, and in some cases these additions are more valuable than the original matter. For homiletical purposes these volumes are so many hills of gold, but, alas, there is dross also, for Baptismal Regeneration and other grave errors occur. The Speaker's Commentary is issued (August, 1875) as far as the Lamentations. It is costly, too costly for your pockets, and I am therefore somewhat the less sorry to add that it is not what I hoped it would be. Of course it is a great work, and contains much which tends to illustrate the text; but if you had it you would not turn to it for spiritual food, or for fruitful suggestion, or if you did so, you would be disappointed. The object of the work is to help the general reader to know what the Scriptures really say and mean, and to remove some of the difficulties. It keeps to its design and in a measure accomplishes it.

I must also add to the list A Commentary, critical, experimental, and practical, on the old and new testaments. Of this I have a very high opinion. It is the joint work of Dr. Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and Dr. David Brown. It is to some extent a compilation and condensation of other men's thoughts, but it is sufficiently original to claim a place in every minister's library: indeed it contains so great a

variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently.

Several other works I omit, not because they are worthless, or unknown to me, but because for scant purses the best will be best. I must not omit upon the New Testament the goodly volume of Burkitt. If you can get him cheap, buy him. He is the celebrated "Rector" whom Keach "rectified" in the matter of infant baptism. Burkitt is somewhat pithy, and for a modern rather rich and racy, but he is far from deep, and is frequently common place. I liked him well enough till I had read abler works and grown older. Some books grow upon us as we read and reread them, but Burkitt does not. Yet so far from depreciating the good man, I should be sorry to have missed his acquaintance, and would bespeak for him your attentive perusal. The best commentators, after all, are those who have written upon only one book. Few men can comment eminently well upon the whole Bible, there are sure to be some weak points in colossal works; prolixity in so vast an undertaking is natural, and dulness follows at its heels—but a life devoted to one of the inspired volumes of our priceless Bible must surely yield a noble result. If I find myself able to do so, at some future time I will introduce you to a selection of the great one book writers. For the present this much must suffice.

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Having introduced you to the commentators, I must now press upon you one of the most practical uses of them, namely, your own public commenting upon the Scriptures read during divine service. Preaching in the olden time consisted very much more of exposition than it does now. I suppose that the sermons of the primitive Christians were for the most part expositions of lengthy passages of the Old Testament; and when copies of the gospels, and the epistles of Paul had become accessible to the churches, the chief work of the preacher would be to press home the apostolical teachings by delivering an address, the back bone of which would be a complete passage of Scripture: there would probably be but faint traces of divisions, heads and points, such as we employ in modern discoursing, but the teacher would follow the run of the passage which was open before him, commenting as he read. I suppose this to have been the case, because some of the early Christian modes of worship were founded very much upon that of the synagogue. I say some of the modes, since I suppose that as the Lord Jesus left his disciples free from rubrics and liturgies, each church worshipped according to the working of the free Spirit among them; one with the open meeting of the Corinthians, and another with a presiding minister, and a third with a mixture of the two methods. In the synagogue, it was the rule of the Rabbis that never less than twenty two verses of the law should be read at one time, and the preaching consisted of notes upon a passage of that length. Such a rule would be a mere superstition if we were slavishly bound by it, but I could almost wish that the custom were reestablished, for the present plan of preaching from short texts, together with the great neglect of commenting publicly upon the word is very unsatisfactory. We cannot expect to deliver much of the teaching of Holy Scripture by picking out verse by verse, and holding these up at random. The process resembles that of showing a house by exhibiting separate bricks. It would be an astounding absurdity if our friends used our private letters in this fashion, and interpreted them by short sentences disconnected and taken away from the context. Such expositors would make us out to say in every letter all we ever thought of, and a great many things besides far enough from our minds; while the real intent of our epistles would probably escape attention. Nowadays since expository preaching is not so common as it ought to be, there is the more necessity for our commenting during the time of our reading the Scriptures. Since topical preaching, hortatory preaching, experimental preaching, and so on—all exceedingly useful in their way—have almost pushed proper expository preaching out of place, there is the more need that we should, when we read passages of Holy Writ, habitually give running comments upon them.

I support my opinion with this reason, that the public reading of the abstruser parts of Scripture is of exceedingly little use to the majority of the people listening. I can recollect hearing in my younger days long passages out of Daniel, which might have been exceedingly instructive to me if I had obtained the remotest conception of what they meant. Take again, parts of the prophecy of

Ezekiel, and ask yourselves what profit can arise from their perusal by the illiterate, "unless some man shall guide them"? What more edification can come from a chapter in English which is not understood than from the same passage in Hebrew or Greek? The same argument which enforces translation demands exposition. If but a few explanatory words are thrown in by a judicious reader, it is wonderful how luminous obscure portions may be made. Two or three sentences will often reveal the drift of a whole chapter; the key of a great difficulty may be presented to the hearer in half a score words, and thus the public reading may be made abundantly profitable. I once saw a school of blind children among the charming ruins of York Abbey, and could not help pitying their incapacity to enjoy so much beauty: how willingly would I have opened their eyes! Are ignorant people wandering among the glories of Scripture much less to be pitied? Who will refuse them the light?

Abundant evidence has come before me that brief comments upon Scripture in our ordinary services are most acceptable and instructive to our people. I have often heard from working men, and their wives, and from merchants and their families, that my own expositions have been most helpful to them. They testify that when they read the Bible at home in the family, the exposition makes it doubly precious to them; and the chapter which they had unprofitably read in course at family prayers, when they pursue it the next time, recollecting what their minister has said upon it, becomes a real delight to them. The mass of our hearers, in London at least, do not, to any appreciable extent, read commentaries or any other books which throw a light upon the Scriptures. They have neither the money nor the time to do so, and if they are to be instructed in the Word of God in things which they cannot find out by mere experience, and are not likely to have explained to them by their associates, they must get that instruction from us, or nowhere else; nor do I see how we are to give them such spiritual assistance except through the regular practice of exposition.

Besides, if you are in the habit of commenting, it will give you an opportunity of saying many things which are not of sufficient importance to become the theme of a whole sermon, and therefore would probably remain unnoticed, to the great loss of the Lord's people and others. It is astounding what a range of truth, doctrinal, practical, and experimental, Holy Scripture brings before us; and equally worthy of admiration is the forcible manner in which that truth is advanced. Hints given in the way in which the word of God offers them are always wise and opportune; as, for instance, the rebukes which the word administers might have seemed too severe had they been made by the pastor, unsustained by the word and unsuggested by it, but arising out of the chapter they cannot be resented. You can both censure sins and encourage virtues by dilating upon the histories which you read in the inspired records, whereas you might never have touched upon them had not the chapter read brought the matter before you. If you want to make full proof of your ministry, and to leave no single point of revelation untouched, your easiest mode will be to comment upon Scripture habitually. Without this much of the word will be utterly unknown to many of your people. It is a very sad fact that they do not read so much as they should at home; the ungodly, in England, scarcely read the Bible at all; and if only that part which we preach upon be expounded to them, how little of the Bible can they ever know! If you will mark your Bibles with lines under the texts from which you have spoken, as I have always done with an old copy which I keep in my study, you will discover that in twelve or fourteen years very little of the book has been gone through; a very large proportion of it remains unmarked, like a field unploughed. Try, then, by

exposition to give your people a fair view of the entire compass of revelation; take them as it were to the top of Nebo, and show them the whole land from Dan to Beersheba, and prove to them that everywhere it floweth with milk and honey.

Earnestly do I advocate commenting. It is unfashionable in England, though somewhat more usual beyond the Tweed. The practice was hardly followed up anywhere in England a few years ago, and it is very uncommon still. It may be pressed upon you for one other reason, namely, that in order to execute it well, the commenting minister will at first have to study twice as much as the mere preacher, because he will be called upon to prepare both his sermons and his expositions. As a rule, I spend much more time over the exposition than over the discourse. Once start a sermon with a great idea, and from that moment the discourse forms itself without much labour to the preacher, for truth naturally consolidates and crystallises itself around the main subject like sweet crystals around a string hung up in syrup; but as for the exposition, you must keep to the text, you must face the difficult points, and must search into the mind of the Spirit rather than your own. You will soon reveal your ignorance as an expositor if you do not study; therefore diligent reading will be forced upon you. Anything which compels the preacher to search the grand old Book is of immense service to him. If any are jealous lest the labour should injure their constitutions, let them remember that mental work up to a certain point is most refreshing, and where the Bible is the theme toil is delight. It is only when mental labour passes beyond the bounds of common sense that the mind becomes enfeebled by it, and this is not usually reached except by injudicious persons, or men engaged on topics which are unrefreshing and disagreeable; but our subject is a recreative one, and to young men like ourselves the vigorous use of our faculties is a most healthy exercise. Classics and mathematics may exhaust us, but not the volume of our Father's grace, the charter of our joys, the treasure of our wealth. A man to comment well should be able to read the Bible in the original. Every minister should aim at a tolerable proficiency both in the Hebrew and the Greek. These two languages will give hint a library at a small expense, an inexhaustible thesaurus, a mine of spiritual wealth. Really, the effort of acquiring a language is not so prodigious that brethren of moderate abilities should so frequently shrink from the attempt. A minister ought to attain enough of these tongues to be at least able to make out a passage by the aid of a lexicon, so as to be sure that he is not misrepresenting the Spirit of God in his discoursings, but is, as nearly as he can judge, giving forth what the Lord intended to reveal by the language employed. Such knowledge would prevent his founding doctrines upon expressions in our version when nothing at all analogous is to be found in the inspired original. This has been done by preachers time out of mind, and they have shouted over an inference drawn from a shall, or an if gathered out of tim translation, with as much assurance of infallibility and sense of importance as if the same language had occurred in the words which the Holy Ghost used. At such times, we have been reminded of the story told by the late beloved Henry Craik, in his book on the Hebrew language. At one time, the Latin Vulgate was so constantly spoken of as the very word of God, that a Roman Catholic theologian thus commented upon Genesis 1:10 :—"The gathering together of the waters called he seas." The Latin term for seas is Maria. On this ground, the writer asks, "What is the gathering together of waters but the accumulation of all the graces into one place, that is, into the Virgin Mary (Maria)? But there is this distinction, that Maria (the seas) has the (i) short, because that which the seas contain is only of a transitory nature, while the gifts and graces of the blessed Virgin (Maria) shall endure for ever." Such superlative nonsense may be indulged in if we forget that translations

cannot be verbally inspired, and that to the original is the last appeal.

Fail not to be expert in the use of your Concordance. Every day I live I thank God more and more for that poor half crazy Alexander Cruden. Of course you have read his life, which is prefixed to the concordance; it exhibits him as a man of diseased mind, once or twice the inmate of a lunatic asylum, but yet for all that successfully devoting his energies to producing a work of absolutely priceless value, which never has been improved upon, and probably never will be; a volume which must ever yield the greatest possible assistance to a Christian minister, being as necessary to him as a plane to the carpenter, or a plough to the husbandman. Be sure you buy a genuine unabridged Cruden, and none of the modern substitutes; good as they may be at the price, they are a delusion and a snare to ministers, and should never be tolerated in the manse library. To consider cheapness in purchasing a concordance is folly. You need only one: have none but the best. At the head of each notable word, Cruden gives you its meaning, and very often all its particular shades of meaning, so that he even helps you in sermonising. When you have read his headings, by following out the concordance, you will observe connections in which the word occurs, which most advantageously and correctly fix its meaning. Thus will the word of God be its own key. A good textuary is a good theologian; be then well skilled in using Cruden.

I make but small account of most reference Bibles; they would be very useful if they were good for anything; but it is extremely easy to bring out a reference Bible which has verbal and apparent references, and nothing more. You will often turn to a reference, and will have to say, "Well, it is a reference, certainly, in a way, for it contains the same word, but there is no reference in the sense that the one text will explain the other." The useful reference cuts the diamond with a diamond, comparing spiritual things with spiritual; it is a thought reference, and not a word reference. If you meet with a really valuable reference Bible, it will be to you what I once heard a countryman call "a reverence Bible", for it will lead you to prize more and more the sacred volume. The best reference Bible is a thoroughly good concordance. Get the best, keep it always on the table, use it hourly, and you will have found your best companion.

Need I after my previous lectures commend to you the judicious reading of commentaries! These are called "dead men's brains" by certain knowing people, who claim to give us nothing in their sermons but what they pretend the Lord reveals direct to themselves. Yet these men are by no means original, and often their supposed inspiration is but borrowed wit. They get a peep at Gill on the sly. The remarks which they give forth as the Spirit's mind are very inferior in all respects to what they affect to despise, namely, the mind of good and learned men. A batch of poems was sent me some time ago for *The Sword and the Trowel*, which were written by a person claiming to be under the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit. He informed me that he was passive, and that what was enclosed was written under the direct physical and mental influence of the Spirit upon his mind and hand. My bookshelves can show many poems as much superior to these pretended inspirations as angels are to blue bottles; the miserable doggerel bore on its face the evidence of imposture. So when I listen to the senseless twaddle of certain wise gentlemen who are always boasting that they alone are ministers of the Spirit, I am ashamed of their pretensions and of them. No, my dear friends, you may take it, as a rule that the Spirit of God does not usually do for us what we can do for ourselves, and that if religious knowledge is printed in a book, and we can read it, there is no necessity for the Holy Ghost to make a fresh revelation of it to us in order to screen our laziness. Read, then, the admirable commentaries which I have already introduced to you. Yet

be sure you use your own minds too, or the expounding will lack interest. Here I call to mind two wells in the courtyard of the Doge's palace at Venice, upon which I looked with much interest. One is filled artificially by water brought in barges from a distance, and few care for its insipid contents; the other is a refreshing natural well, cool and delicious, and the people contend for every drop of it. Freshness, naturalness, life, will always attract, whereas mere borrowed learning is flat and insipid. Mr. Cecil says his plan was, when he laid a hold of a Scripture, to pray over it, and get his own thoughts on it, and then, after he had so done, to take up the ablest divines who wrote upon the subject, and see what their thoughts were. If you do not think and think much, you will become slaves and mere copyists. The exercise of your own mind is most healthful to you, and by perseverance, with divine help, you may expect to get at the meaning of every understandable passage. So to rely upon your own abilities as to be unwilling to learn from others is clearly folly; so to study others as not to judge for yourself is imbecility.

What should be the manner of your public commenting? One rule should be always to point out very carefully wherever a word bears a special sense; for rest assured in Holy Scripture the same word does not always mean the same thing. The Bible is a Book meant for human beings, and therefore it is written in human language; and in human language the same word may signify two or three things. For instance, "a pear fell from the tree"; "a man fell into drunken habits". There the meaning of the second word, "fell", is evidently different from the first, since it is not literal, but metaphorical. Again, "the cabman mounted the box"; "the child was pleased with his Christmas box"; "his lordship is staying at his shooting box". In each case there is the same word, but who does not see that there is a great difference of meaning? So it is in the word of God. You must explain the difference between a word used in a peculiar sense, and the ordinary meaning of the word, and thus you will prevent your people falling into mistakes. If people will say that the same word in Scripture always means the same thing, as I have heard some assert publicly, they will make nonsense of the word of God, and fall into error through their own irrational maxims. To set up canons of interpretation for the Book of God which would be absurd if applied to other writings is egregious folly: it has a show of accuracy, but inevitably leads to confusion. The obvious literal meaning of a Scripture is not always the true one, and ignorant persons are apt enough to fall into the most singular misconceptions—a judicious remark from the pulpit will be of signal service. Many persons have accustomed themselves to misunderstand certain texts; they have heard wrong interpretations in their youth, and will never know better unless the correct meaning be indicated to them.

We must make sure in our public expositions that obscure and involved sentences are explained. To overleap difficulties, and only expound what is already clear, is to make commenting ridiculous. When we speak of obscure sentences, we mean such as are mostly to be found in the prophets, and are rendered dark through the translation, or the Orientalism of their structure, or through their intrinsic weight of meaning. Involved sentences most abound in the writings of Paul, whose luxuriant mind was not to be restrained to any one line of argument. He begins a sentence, and does not finish it perhaps until eight verses further on, and all the interstices between the commencement and the end of the sentence are packed full of compressed truth, which it is not always easy to separate from the general argument. Hints consisting of but two or three words will let your hearers know where the reasoning breaks off, and where it is taken up again. In many poetical parts of the Old Testament the speakers change; as in Solomen's Song, which is mostly a

dialogue. Here perfect nonsense is often made by reading the passage as if it were all spoke, by the same person. In Isaiah the strain often varies most suddenly, and while one verse is addressed to the Jews, the next may be spoken to the Messiah or to the Gentiles. Is it not always well to notify this to the congregation? If the chapters and verses had been divided with a little common sense, this might be of less importance, but as our version is so clumsily chopped into fragments, the preacher must insert the proper paragraphs and divisions as he reads aloud. In fine, your business is to make the word plain. In Lombardy I observed great heaps of huge stones in the fields, which had been gathered out from the soil by diligent hands to make room for the crops; your duty is to "gather out the stones", and leave the fruitful field of Scripture for your people to till. There are Orientalisms, metaphors, peculiar expressions, idioms, and other verbal memorabilia which arise from the Bible having been written in the East; all these you will do well to explain. To this end be diligent students of Oriental life. Let the geography of Palestine, its natural history, its fauna and its flora, be as familiar to you as those of your own native village. Then as you read you will interpret the word, and your flock will be fed thereby. The chief part of your commenting, however, should consist in applying the truth to the hearts of your hearers, for he who merely comprehends the meaning of the letter without understanding how it bears upon the hearts and consciences of men, is like a man who causes the bellows of an organ to be blown, and then fails to place his fingers on the keys; it is of little service to supply men with information unless we urge upon them the practical inferences therefrom. Look, my brethren, straight down into the secret chambers of the human soul, and let fall the divine teaching through the window, and thus light will be carried to the heart and conscience. Make remarks suitable to the occasion, and applicable to the cases of those present. Show how a truth which was first heard in the days of David is still forcible and pertinent in these modern times, and you will thus endear the Scriptures to the minds of your people, who prize your remarks much more than you imagine. Clean the grand old pictures of the divine masters; hang them up in new frames; fix them on the walls of your people's memories, and their well instructed hearts shall bless you. Is a caution needed amongst intelligent men? Yes, it must be given. Be sure to avoid prosiness. Avoid it everywhere, but especially in this. Do not be long in your notes. If you are supremely gifted do not be long; people do not appreciate too much of a good thing; and if your comments are only second rate, why, then be shorter still, for men soon weary of inferior talking. Very little time in the service can be afforded for reading the lessons; do not rob the prayer and the sermon for the sake of commenting. This robbing Peter to pay Paul is senseless. Do not repeat commonplace things which must have occurred even to a Sunday School child. Do not remind your hearers of what they could not possibly have forgotten. Give them something weighty if not new, so that an intelligent listener may feel when the service is over that he has learned at least a little.

Again, avoid all pedantry. As a general rule, it may be observed that those gentlemen who know the least Greek are the most sure to air their rags of learning in the pulpit; they miss no chance of saying, "The Greek is so and so." It makes a man an inch and a half taller by a foolometer, if he everlastingly lets fall bits of Greek and Hebrew, and even tells the people the tense of the verb and the case of the noun, as I have known some do. Those who have no learning usually make a point of displaying the pegs on which learning ought to hang. Brethren, the whole process of interpretation is to be carried on in your study; you are not to show your congregation the process, but to give them the result; like a good cook who would never think of bringing up dishes, and pans, and rolling pin, and spice box into the dining hall, but without ostentation sends up the feast.

Never strain passages when you are expounding. Be thoroughly honest with the word: even if the Scriptures were the writing of mere men, conscience would demand fairness of you; but when it is the Lord's own word, be careful not to pervert it even in the smallest degree. Let it be said of you, as I have heard a venerable hearer of Mr. Simeon say of him, "Sir, he was very Calvinistic when the text was so, and people thought him an Arminian when the text was that way, for he always stuck to its plain sense." A very sound neighbour of ours once said, by way of depreciating the grand old reformer, "John Calvin was not half a Calvinist", and the remark was correct as to his expositions, for in them, as we have seen, he always gave his Lord's mind and not his own. In the church of St. Zeno, in Verona, I saw ancient frescoes which had been plastered over, and then covered with other designs; I fear many do this with Scripture, daubing the text with their own glosses, and laying on their own conceits. There are enough of these plasterers abroad, let us leave the evil trade to them and follow all honest calling. Remember Cowper's lines—

A critic on the sacred text should be Candid and learn'd, dispassionate and free;

Free from the wayward bias bigots feel, From fancy's influence and intemperate zeal; For of all arts sagacious dupes invent, To cheat themselves and gain the world's assent, The worst is—Scripture warped from its intent."

Use your judgment more than your fancy. Flowers are well enough, but hungry souls prefer bread. To allegorize with Origen may make men stare at you, but your work is to fill men's mouths with truth, not to open them with wonder. Do not be carried away with new meanings. Plymouth Brethren delight to fish up some hitherto undiscovered tadpole of interpretation, and cry it round the town as a rare dainty; let us be content with more ordinary and more wholesome fishery. No one text is to be exalted above the plain analogy of faith; and no solitary expression is to shape our theology for us. Other men and wiser men have expounded before us, and anything undiscovered by them it were well to put to test and trial before we boast too loudly of the treasure trove. Do not needlessly amend our authorized version. It is faulty in many places, but still it is a grand work taking it for all in all, and it is unwise to be making every old lady distrust the only Bible she can get at, or what is more likely, mistrust you for falling out with her cherished treasure. Correct where correction must be for truth's sake, but never for the vainglorious display of your critical ability. When reading short psalms, or connected passages of the other books, do not split up the authors utterances by interjecting your notes. Read the paragraph through, and then go over it again with your explanations; breaking it up as you may think fit at the second reading. No one would dream of dividing a stanza of a poet with an explanatory remark; it would be treason to common sense to do so: sound judgment will forbid your thus marring the word of God. Better far never to comment than to cut and carve the utterances of inspiration, and obscure their meaning by impertinently thrusting in untimely remarks of your own. Upon many passages comments would be gross folly: never think of painting the lily or gilding refined gold; leave the sublime sentences alone in their glory. I speak as unto wise men; prove your wisdom in this thing also.

If I were bound to deliver a sermon upon the subject in hand, I could not desire a better text than Nehemiah 8:8 : "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." Here is a hint for the reader as to his reading. Let it always be distinct. Aim to be good readers, and be the more anxious about it because few men are so, and all preachers ought to be so. It is as good as a sermon to hear our best men read the

Scriptures; they bring out the meaning by their correct emphasis and tone. Never fall into the idea that the mere utterance of the words before you is all that is required of you in reading; good reading is: a high, but rare attainment. Even if you do not comment, yet read the chapter previously, and become familiar with it; it is inexcusable for a man to betray the fact that he is out of his latitude in the reading, traversing untrodden ground, floundering and picking his way across country, like a huntsman who has lost his bearings. Never open the Bible in the pulpit to read the chapter for the first time, but go to the familiar page after many rehearsals. You will be doubly useful if in addition to this you "gave the sense." You will then, by God's blessing, be the pastor of an intelligent, Bible loving people. You will hear in your meeting house that delightful rustle of Bible leaves which is so dear to the lover of the Word; your people will open their Bibles, looking for a feast. The Word will become increasingly precious to yourself, your knowledge will enlarge, and your aptness to teach will become every day more apparent. Try it, my brethren, for even if you should see cause to discontinue it, at least no harm will come of the attempt. In all that I have said I have given you another reason for seeking the aid of the Holy Spirit. If you do not understand a book by a departed writer you are unable to ask him his meaning, but the Spirit, who inspired Holy Scripture, lives forever, and he delights to open up the Word to those who seek his instruction. He is always accessible: "He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." Go to him for yourselves and cry, "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law"; and, this being granted you, entreat him to send forth his light and power with the Word when you expound it, that your hearers also may be led into all truth. Commentaries, expositions, interpretations, are all mere scaffolding; the Holy Ghost himself must edify you and help you to build up the church of the living God. From Spurgeon's preface: "The reader will please observe that the books most heartily recommended are printed in the largest type with the remarks in italics. Good, but more ordinary, works are in medium type, and the least desirable are in the smallest letter. Thus we hope the eye will be caught at once by volumes best worthy of attention."

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KELLY (William). Lectures Introductory to the Study of the earlier Historical Books [Joshua to II Samuel]. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Broom. 1874. After the manner of Plymouth commenting in general; quite sufficiently taken up with spiritualizing and nice points: but yet, read with half a ton of salt, a book likely to arouse thought, and suggest topics.

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THE GOSPEL IN THE BOOK OF JOSHUA. [Anon.] Cr. 8co. 1/6. Lond., Partridge & Co. 1867. Pious remarks, such as anyone would make.

SEATON (W.) The Church in Canaan; or, heirs in possession receiving the promises. Vol. I. 12mo. Lond., 1823. 2/-A sequel to No. 188.

SMITH (Thornley). The History of Joshua, viewed in connection with the Topography of Canaan, and the Customs of the Times in which he lived. Cr. 8Colossians 4/6. Edinb., W. Oliphant & Co. 1870. Although not a commentary, it will answer the same purpose; for almost every event is fully illustrated.,4 capital work.

Judges [See also under Joshua.]

BUSH (George). Notes on Judges. Sm. 8co. New York, 1852. S. 3/6. Like other works of this author—of considerable value.

DODS (Marcus, M.A., D.D.) Israel's Iron Age: Sketches from the Period of the Judges. Crown 8co. 5/ Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1874. Dr. Doris considers that to find in Samson and other judges types of our Lord Jesus is mere fancy, and he interprets upon "a rational principle" which renders his book dry and unspiritual; at the same time his sketches are not without value.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W.) Time of the Judges. (See No. 86.)

KITTO (John, D.D.) "The Judges," in Daily Bible Illustrations. (See No. 41.) Exceedingly meritorious. Refer to it frequently.

MARTYR (Peter 1500-1562). Most Fruitful and Learned Commentarie upon the Book of Judges. Black Letter. Folio. 1560. Rare. 1S/-This would seem to be a profound work. Rogers says of Peter Martyr:—" Few private men can understand his works, and few ministers who understand them can obtain them; nor if they can will they find in them much that will benefit their simple hearers." This has not been our experience with.Peter Martyr's works; on the contrary, we have read them with interest.

NOBLE (Samuel). Sermons on the singular histories recorded in the first eleven chapters. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., J. S. Hodson. 1856. S. 1/6. Swedenborgian mysticism. Exposition in a trance.

ROGERS (Richard. Puritan.) The whole Book of Judges. [103 Sermons.] Folio. Lond., 1615. 12/-to 15/-This for the Puritan period is THE work upon Judges. It is thoroughly plain and eminently practical.

WISEMAN (Luke H., M.A. Died 1875). 'Men of Faith; or, Sketches from the Book of Judges., Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1874. Mr. Wiseman in this work tells "of Gideon and Barak, of Samson and of Jephthah ", and he does it in a powerful style. He was one of the best preachers in the Wesleyan body.,4 man of fullness, and judiciousness; in fact, a wise man.

BRUCE (John, D.D.) The Life of Gideon. Fcap. 8vo. 5/ Edinb., Edmonston & Douglas. 1870. The author deserves attention, both for matter and style. Note Hugh Miller's high opinion of his "Biography of Samson:" (No. 259). Gideon is a better work, but both are over-estimated.

ELWIN (Fountain). Sermons on the character of Gideon. 12mo. Lond., Hatchards. 1844. S. e/-Seven sermons, containing nothing remarkable.

HOWARD (Lady). Gideon the Mighty Man of Valour. [Anon]. /-,and., Hatchards. 1841. S. 1/6. Of small use to the preacher.

ROGERS (George Albert, M.A.) The Valour of Faith; or, the Gospel in the Life of Gideon. 12mo. 2/6. Lond., Wertheim, Macintosh & Hunt. 1859. A thoroughly lively little book. Each of the eight chapters is full of thought.

BRUCE (John, D.D.) The Biography of Samson. 18mo. 2/-Edinb., Edmonston & Douglas. 1870. Hugh Miller said: "There is a poetic richness in the style, which at one time reminds us of Chalmers, and at another of Jeremy Taylor, but which in reality is Dr. Bruce's own, that does not seem poor or bald beside even the blank verse of the great master of English song." We think this eulogy is greatly overdone.

QUARLES (Francis 1592-1644). The Historie of Samson. 4to. Lond., 1631. 5/-This queer, quaint, odd volume of rhymes is far from despicable. Kitto. frequently quotes Quarles upon Samson, and says of him that he was a poet of no mean order. We are glad to have his testimony to confirm our own opinion. Rennea tastes will be offended, but those who wish for quaint thought will be gratified. The book is very rare.

Ruth [See also under Joshua.]

BERNARD (Richard. Puritan. Died 1641). Ruth's Recompense. 4to. 1628. 3/6. Mr. Grosart is enthusiastic in his praise of this work, and says "that it abounds with apophthegms and compressed thoughts." We defer to so high an authority, but we are not much fascinated by the book.

FULLER (Thomas, D.D. 1608-1661). A Comment on Ruth, with two Sermons. 8vo. 1650. Not one of Fuller's best; but still quaint and pithy, and lit up with flashes of his irrepressible wit. The above works of Bernard and Fuller have been reprinted in Nichol's Series of Commentaries, in one volume. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1865. Mr. Tegg, Pancras Lane, London, has also

published a reprint of Fuller's Comment on Ruth, and Notes upon Jonah. Cr. 8vo. 4/6.

BRADEN (William). The Beautiful Gleaner. Cr. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., James Clark & Co. 1874. Mr. Braden is an able preacher. His sermons upon Ruth are popular and practical, though not very remarkable.

LAVATER (Lewis. A Swiss Protestant Divine./1-/2.) Ruth ex-pounded, in 28 Sermons. Translated from the Latin by E. Pagett. 8vo. Lond., 1586. Lavater was a Reformer of high repute, son-in-law of Bullinger. He wrote a curious work on spectres, and made a catalogue of comets, thus shewing himself to be both philosopher and divine. His book is seldom met with.

LAWSON (George, D.D.) Lectures on the Book of Ruth. 12mo. Edinb., 1805. 3/-By a man of great genius. Simple, fresh, and gracious. Nothing critical or profound may be looked for, but wise and sound teaching may be gleaned in these pages.'

MACARTNEY (H. B.) Observations on Ruth. 12mo. Lond., 1845. 9d. A nice little book, little in all ways.

MACGOWAN (John. 1726-1780.) Discourses on Ruth, and other important subjects. 8vo. Lond., 1781. 2/6. Macgowan, the author of the Dialogue of Devils, is well known for originality and force. In this case his sermons are full of Gospel truth, but the texts are too much accommodated and spiritualized. The discourses are good reading.

OXENDEN (A. Bp. of Montreal). Story of Ruth. 18mo. 1/-Hatchards. A very tiny affair, of no great moment to the expositor.

PHILPOT (B., A.M.) Six Lectures. Square Fcap. 2/6. Lond., Nisbet & Co. A very small book, containing good, simple lectures—not an exposition.

PRICE (Aubrey C., B.A.) Six Lectures on the Book of Ruth. 12mo. 2/6. Lond., Hatchards. 1869. Sermons of remarkable power, both of doctrine and diction. Not so expository as practical. Mr. Price is an earnest and large-hearted clergyman of the thoroughly evangelical school.

TOPSELL (Edward). The Reward of Religion. Lectures upon Ruth. 8vo. Lond., 1613. 7/6 to 10/-. 4 very choice old work. Attersol in his rhyming preface says of it— "Go little Booke, display thy golden title, (And yet not little though thou little bee); Little for price and yet in price not little, Thine was the Paine, the gaine is ours I see: (Although our gaine thou deem'st no paine to thee). If then, O reader, little paine thou take, Thou greatest gaine with smallest paine shall make."

TYNG (Stephen, D.D., of New York). The Rich Kinsman; or, the History of Ruth. Small 8vo. Lond., 1856. S. 1/6. Written for young people, and suitable for their reading, though none too lively.

WRIGHT (C. H. H., M.A.) Ruth, in Hebrew; with gram-ma-tical and critical Commentary. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Williams & Norgate. x 864. For Hebraists only. The author has selected the book of Ruth as a study for beginners in the Hebrew tongue, because of the simplicity of the language.

1 & 2 Samuel

[Expositions upon these books being few, the student should consult ,Porks on Scripture characters, and also comments on the Old Testament as a whole.]

KEIL (C. F., D.D.) and DELITZSCH (F., D.D.) The Books of Samuel. Translated from the German by the Rev. James Martin, B.A. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1872. Like most of Clark's series, Keil's works are valuable helps towards, obtaining the meaning of the text 3 but for spiritual reflections and fruitful hints we must look elsewhere.

LINDSAY (Henry, M.A.) Lectures on the Historical Books [I and 2 Samuel only]. 2 vols. 12mo. Lond., 1828. 2]6. Practical sermons on a few of the more prominent events.

WILLET (Andrew). An Harmonie upon the First Booke of Samuel, and an Harmonie upon the Seconde Booke of Samuel. Folio. 1614. 10/6 to 12/-[There is also a 4to. edition upon I Samuel. 1607.] The work continues the Hexapla to which we have referred in Nos. 142 and 177. It is unusually brief for the age of its composition, and full of variety. Under every verse, and often clause of a verse, the learned author proposes a question, and proceeds to answer it. These are such as the following:—"What a daughter of Belial is?" "Whether any may be said to sin with the will of God?" "What doors of the house of Jehovah Samuel opened!" "What is to be thought of 11's state before God f"

GUILD (William, D.D./1-/2). The Throne of David. An Exposition of the 2nd Samuel, wherein is set down the Pattern of a Pious and Prudent Prince. Oxf., 1659. 11/-The MSS. of this rare book was sent to Dr. John Owen by the widow of the author, with a letter of her own, informing him that her dying husband desired it to be so forwarded. Dr. Owen says, that he found the treatise "written with perspicuity and clearness, handling a subject of great and delightful variety, with a choice mixture of spiritual, moral, and political observations, tempered by a good and sound judgment unto common capacities." We do not presume to criticize where Owen commends, but we should not have originated such a commendation.

Samuel, Saul, David

KITTO.Daily Bible Illustrations, "Samuel, Saul, and David." (See No. 41.) Should always be consulted.

PLUMPTRE (HELEN). The History of Samuel. 18mo. 1/6. Lond., Nisbet and Co. 1842. A children's book, and childlike men will be thankful for the many very useful hints which it throws out. We have got more out of it than we have found in huge and learned tomes.

STEEL (Robert). Samuel the Prophet. 8vo. 4/6. Lond., Nelson & Sons. 1861. S. 2/-The author has done his work well, and has shown an evident desire to excite others to a greater knowledge of the subject than he could impart. Hence he gives a list of the writers upon Samuel, and such accounts of them as were within his reach. Young readers will find this book a great help to them.

MILLER (J. A.) Saul, The First King of Israel. Fcap. 8vo. 1/6. Lond., Snow & Co. 1866. Eminently thoughtful, useful, practical sermons. We do not see how Saul's life-failure could be more profitably set forth.

BLAIKIE (William G., A.M.) David, King of Israel:: the Divine Plan and Lessons of his Life. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1861. Dr. Blaikie is a good writer. This Life of David has supplied a great lack.

CHANDLER (Samuel, D.D., F.R.S., and F.A.S./1-/2). A Critical History of the Life of David. 2 vols., 8va. Lond., 1766. S. 5/-1 vol., 8va. J.H. & J. Parker. 1853. S. 5/-]his is a masterpiece as a critical history, and the best of Chandler's productions. Many of the Psalms are explained with commendable learning, but the spiritual element is absent.

DELANY (Patrick, D.D., Dean of Down/1-/2). An Historical Account of the Life and Reign of David. [Anon.] 2 vols., 8va. Lond., 1745. 4/' Delany was a friend of Swift, no great recommendation for a commentator. He defends David in a way which David would have sternly repudiated. Chandler is far preferable to Delany, but both are devoid of the evangelical spirit.

KINGSLEY (Charles, M.A.) David. Four Sermons. Fcap. 8va. 2/6. Lond., Macmillan & Co. In his usual free and easy manner Kingsley speaks of David's strength and his weakness, his anger and his deserts. The character of this writer is supposed to be well understood, but we question if many have formed a true estimate of him. For commenting purposes these sermons are of small value; they are plain, practical discourses.

KRUMMACHER (F. W., D.D.) David, the King of Israel. Cr. 8va., 7/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. Anything by Krummacher is worthy of patient reading.

LAWSON (George, D.D./1-/2.) Discourses on the History of David. 12mo. Berwick, 1833. S. 3/6.].[ere the life of David is piously turned to practical use. Delany and Chandler are but bones, and Lawson the marrow.

MARBECK (John). The whole History of King David. 4to. 1579. This is in English metre, and was written by the famous organist of the Royal Chapel in Windsor, in the reign of Henry VIII. He narrowly escaped martyrdom. His work entitled "Booke of Common Praier noted," is the groundwork of the plain-song used in our Cathedrals from the Reformation to the present day. Marbeck's History of David is very rare. We cannot therefore set a price.

[ROGERS (Mrs.)] The Shepherd King. By the Authoress of "The Folded Lamb." 12mo. 3/6. Zond., Nisbet. 1856. S.1/6. This authoress writes well for the young, and her book will be useful to those who teach them.

SMITH (GEORGe., LL.D. and F.A.S.) The Life and Reign of David. Cr. 8va., 7/6. Lond., Longmans. 1867. S. 3/6. David's life is here concisely written, with such of the Psalms interwoven as can be referred to special periods. It cannot be read without ministering instruction.

TAYLOR (William M., D.D. Of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York). David: his Life, and its Lessons. Cr. 8vo. 8/6. Lond., Sampson Low, Marston & Co. 1875. ,4 grand work which should be in every library.

THOMPSON (Henry, M.A.) Davidica. Twelve Sermons on the Life and Character of David. 8vo. Lond., 1827. 1/6. Discourses of the kind which are usually published by subscription; rather pretentious, but with nothing in them. The process of subscribing to print sermons is one suggested by kindness, but seldom directed by reason.

VINCE (Charles, Baptist Minister, of Birmingham. Died 1875). Lights and Shadows in the Life of King David. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Elliot Stock. 1871. Sermons of the highest order upon a few incidents in David's life. They are models of chaste, subdued, but powerful preaching.

1 & 2 Kings

GENESTE (Maximilian, M.A.) The Parallel Histories of Judah and Israel. 2 vols., Roy. 8vo. f1 11s. 6d. Lond., S. Bagster & Sons. 1843. S. 6/-to 8/-The explanatory notes are mostly from other authors. The work has a very noble appearance, and may be useful as showing the run of Biblical history; but Barth's Bible Manual (No. 3) would answer every purpose.

JUKES (Andrew). The Mystery of the Kingdom, traced through the Books of Kings. Part I. x/6. Lond., Longmans. z858. This author is more mystical than we could wish, but never writes 'without being instructive.

KEIL (K. F.) and BERTHEAU (E.) Commentary on the Books of Kings. By K. F. Keil. Translated by James Murphy, LL.D. Supplemented by a Commentary on the Books of Chronicles. By Ernst Bertheau, Professor in Goettin-gen. Translated by James Martin, B.A. 2 vols. 10/6 each. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1857. S. 10/- Distinguished by careful investigation of the meaning of the text. This is a most important help to the expositor. The student will not, however, find much in the way of reflections and doctrines.

KEIL and DELITZSCH. The Books of the Kings. By C. F. Keil. Translated by James Martin, B.A. 1 vol. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1865. This appears to be another form of the work mentioned above. At least there can be no necessity for purchasing both. This is the better.

KITTO. Daily Bible Illustrations, "Solomon and the Kings." (See No. 41.) Full of deeply interesting matter.

LANGE'S COMMENTARIES. Edited by Dr. Schaff. Kings. By Dr. Bahr. 1 vol., Imp. 8vo. 2 1/-, or to subscribers 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1872. It must have cost great effort to make the homiletical part of this volume as good as it is. It is a treasury to the preacher, and is all the more precious because we have next to nothing upon the books of the Kings. (See No. 42).

Solomon's Temple

BUNYAN (John). Solomon's Temple Spiritualized. Lond., 1688. [In Bunyan's Works, Offor's edition, III., 460.] A marvellous display of allegorizing genius: full of Gospel truth. Bunyan hammers away at each type, but no one may call it tinkering.

EDERSHEIM (A., D.D.) The Temple: its Ministry and Services. Imp. 16mo. 5/-Relig. Tract. Soc. 1874. This will supply the student with all that he needs upon the subject in hand.

LEE (Samuel, M.A./1-/2.) Orbis miraculum; or, the Temple of Solomon pourtrayed by Scripture light. [Anon.] Folio. 1659. 12/-to 14/-Of course, as will be inferred from its date, this work is of the antique order, but it is profoundly learned, and goes into architectural and ritualistic details, explaining them spiritually with much sweetness and suggestiveness.

Elijah, Elisha, etc.

ANDERSON (James, S. M., M.A.) Discourses on Elijah, &c. 8vo. Lond., 1835-2/-Ordinary sermons by a "Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen." Rhetorical and grandiose, but not expository.

BAYNE (Peter). The Days of Jezebel. An Historical Drama. 12mo. 6/-Lond., Strachan & Co. 1872. A fine poetic drama, worthy of quotation by preachers; but hardly in the line of works contemplated by this Catalogue.

EDERSHEIM (Alfred, D.D.) Elisha the Prophet, a Type of Christ. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., W. Hunt & Co. 1873. This author is always interesting, shewing close acquaintance with Jewish customs, and knowing how to utilize his information.

HOWAT (H. T.) Elijah, the Desert Prophet. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Edinb., Johnstone & Hunter. 1868. Very picturesque and poetical. A work to be read for enjoyment.

KRUMMACHER (F. W., D.D.) Elijah the Tishbite. Translated from the German. [Numerous editions; one has lately been issued by the Religious Tract Society. Cr. 8vo. 3/-] S. 1/6. Too well known and approved to need any commendation from us.

MACDUFF (J. R., D.D.) The Prophet of Fire. Post 8vo. 6/6. Lond., James Nisbet & Co. 1863. Dr. Macduff writes popularly, yet he is by no means weak or shallow, He is to the young minister all the more useful, because he has worked out the problem of making sound thought intelligible to the multitude.

[MACINTOSH] (C. H.) Reflections on the Life and Times of Elijah. By C. H. M. 1/-Lond., G. Morrish. Strongly Plymouthistic. A small affair.

BLUNT (Henry, M.A.) Lectures upon the History of Elisha. 12mo. 5/6. Lond., Hatchards. 1839. S. 2/-We like Blunt better upon Elisha than upon any other portion of Scripture. He says that, had he known of Krummacher's having written upon the subject, he should not have attempted it himself. A wise observation. What shall he do that cometh after a King, or after a Krummacher?

DOTHIE (W. P., M.A.) The History of the Prophet Elisha. Cr. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1872. Sketchy. Not very deep, but interesting.

GLYN (George L., Bart.) Life of Elisha, in eleven plain discourses. 8vo. Lond., Wertheim & Macintosh. 1857. S. x/-Evangelical and simple. Ministers do not need it.

KRUMMACHER (F. W., D.D.) Elisha. Translated from the German. Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1838. S. 1/6. Of this we may say as we did of the same author's Elijah,—it needs no commending from us.

BULLOCK (Charles). The Syrian Leper. Fcap. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Wertheim & Macintosh. 1862. S. 1/3. Telling in style, and earnestly evangelical. These chapters are good specimens of popular expounding.

MACDUFF (J. R., D.D.) The Healing Waters; or, The Story of Naaman. An Old Testament Chapter on Providence and Grace. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1873. In Dr. Macduff's best manner: the story of Naaman is admirably handled, and made to teach the gospel with much freshness.

ROGERS (Daniel, B.D. Puritan./1-/2). Naaman the Syrian, his disease and cure; discovering lively to the reader the spiritual leprosie of sinne and selfe-love; together with the remedies, viz., selfe-denial and faith. Folio. Lond., 1642. 7/-to 10/-, 4 huge volume of 898folio pages, almost large enough to have loaded one of Naaman's mules. /t is a work which exhausts the subject and turns it to earnest evangelical uses.

WOODWARD (Henry, A.M.) The Shunamite. 8vo. 10/6. Lond. and Cam&, Macmillan & Co. 1863. S. 3/-We scarcely remember a more flagrant case of high-sounding verbiage. Here is the author's way of describing a hen which has hatched ducklings. —"That much tried bird, whose hard allotment it has been to hatch and rear a brood of aliens, and who seems as if melancholy had marked her for her own, when her charge, with unanimous consent, hurry to some tempting pool of water, and violate her feelings and shock her instincts, by casting themselves upon that hostile element."

1 & 2 Chronicles

BERTHEAU (E.) See Keil and Bertheau, No. 296.

KEIL (K. F.) The Book of the Chronicles. Translated from the German. By Andrew Harper, B.D. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1872. Without indicating either the spiritual lesson or the moral of the history, Keil simply explains the facts, and in so doing aids the reader to realize them. We confess we should like something more.

Ezra Nehemiah, and Esther

KEIL (K. F.) Commentary on Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Translated by Sophia Taylor. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 17. T.L. 1873. Just the kind of book in which Keil's method of commenting appears to the best advantage. He gives much needful information, and thus supplements more didactic works. We cannot read Keil with pleasure, for we want spiritual meat, but yet it is most desirable for us to know what the text really means.

PILKINGTON (James, B.D. Bishop of Durham./1-2). A Godlie Exposition upon certeine chapters of Nehemiah. 1585. Reprinted in the Parker Society's edition of Pilkington's Works. 8vo. Cam&, x 842. Very old fashioned and singular, somewhat in the style of Latimer and perhaps a little coarser. Pilkington's downright onslaughts upon the vices and follies of his times are fine instances of personal, faithful preaching; they are, however, so minutely descriptive of the manners which then prevailed that they are the less useful now. The style is cramped, and even grotesque in places, yet Pilkington is a grand old author. He has only written upon five chapters.

RANDALL (J. Montague, A.K.C.) Nehemiah, the Tirshatha: his Life and Lessons. Post 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1874. The substance of thirteen Sunday evening addresses to a village congregation, "dictated by the author, who is nearly blind, on the following Monday." These familiar and almost chatty discourses are full of gospel teaching, and while they give a fair idea of Nehemiah and his times, they are also enlivened by anecdote, and made exceedingly interesting. Students will not learn much from these sermons, but they may see how rustic preaching should be done.

SCENES FROM THE LIFE OF NEHEMIAH; or, Chapters for Christian Workers. [Anon.] Fcap. 8vo. 1. Lond., 66, Paternoster Row, E.C. The heads of these chapters would serve exceedingly well for the keynotes of a series of sermons.

STOWELL (HUGH, M.A.) A Model for Men of Business; or, Lectures on the Character of Nehemiah 8 vo. Lond., Hatchards. 1855. S. 3/-The author does not attempt a full exposition, but aims at furnishing a plain, practical handbook for men of business and others whose time is limited. He gives fourteen good, sensible lectures on the Book.

WOODWARD (Henry, M.A.) Thoughts on the Character and History of Nehemiah 12 mo. Lond., 1849. Words, and only words.

Esther

COOPER (Thomas). The Churches Deliverance; containing Meditations and short Notes upon the Booke of Hester. 4to. Lond., 1609. 5/ to 7/ We have not been able to meet with this work.

DAVIDSON (Alexander D.,D.D.) Lectures on Esther. Cr. 8vo 5/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1859. Helpful lectures. The Book of Esther is here used for instruction in doctrine and practice. The work is not so much for the study as for the family.

HUGHES (John). Esther and her People. Ten Sermons. 18mo. 1842. S. 1/3. Good evangelical discourses, but nothing very special.

LAWSON (George, D.D.) Discourses on Esther. 12mo. Edinb., 1804. S. 3/6. Intended for the general reader. The discourses are as spiritual and unaffected as their excellent author. Dr. John Brown, in commending all the Lawson books, says that "he has rendered subjects, apparently barren, full of instruction."

McCRIE (Thomas). Lectures on Esther. 12mo. 1838. S. 1/6. Dr. Davidson says of Dr. McCrie: "There is an ancient fable of a king who was gifted with the power of turning everything he touched into gold; and this eminent divine and historian possessed remarkably the gift of rendering every subject he handled so precious, as at least to discourage any one from attempting to follow in his track. In his Lectures upon the book of Esther, he has certainly left little for any to say w/w may come after him."

MORGAN (R. C.) The Book of Esther typical of the Kingdom. Sm. 8vo. 1855. S. 1/6. An allegorical interpretation, which commences with these words: "The true scene of this beautiful book opens in heaven." Is heaven under the dominion of Ahasuerus? Who then is Vashti?

The Poetical Books

DURELL (D., D.D.) Critical Remarks on the Books of Job, Prov., Psalms, Eccles., and Song of Solomon 4 to. Oxf., 1772. 4/-to 6/-A critic who is for ever mending the text, who contends for the modern origin of Job, thinks the Canticles to be a love song, and considers the imprecatory Psalms to be ebullitions of passion, is not one whom our readers need consult.

HOLDEN (Lawrence). Paraphrase on the Books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, with Notes. 4 vols., 8vo. 1763. 5/-An atrocious instance of bombastic verbosity. Job ii. 2 is thus expanded:—"Heaven and earth's great Lord and guardian, the instant Satan appeared observed, and thus demanded of him: 'from what quarter proceedest thou? or in what district, and to what purpose hast thou lately employed thy perverted, and subtle, wicked abilities and arts?' To whom the destroyer answers: 'my last station, or rather, unsettled, wandering motion, has been upon earth; various districts whereof I have made short visits to, being sometimes with the inhabitants of one region or climate, sometimes with those of another.'" Paraphrases generally mean the text padded out with superfluous words, and this is an emphatic instance.

KITTO. Daily Bible Illustrations, "Job and the Poetical Books." (See No. 41.) Worthy of attentive reading.

LEIGH (Edward). See under Whole Bible, No. 44.

WILCOCKS (Thomas, A.M. Puritan./1-/2). The Works of that Reverend and Learned Divine, Mr. Thomas Wilcocks, Minister of God's Word: containing an Exposition upon the whole booke of David's Psalmes, Solomon's Proverbs, the Canticles, and part of the eighth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Folio. Lond., 1589, 1620 and 1624. 9/-to 12/-Very old. The notes are brief, but furnish many hints for sermons.

Job

ABBOT (George. Died 1648). The whole Book of Job Paraphrased, or made Easie for any to Understand. 4to. Lond., 1640. 3/6. This is not by Archbishop Abbot, neither is the work of any value. This Abbot was a Member of Parliament, and his paraphrase is better than we could have expected from an M.P.; but still it is a heavy performance.

AMERICAN BIBLE UNION. The Book of Job. A Translation from the Original Hebrew; on, the Basis of the Common and Earlier English Versions. By Thomas J. Conant, D.D., Professor of Sacred Literature in Rochester Theological Seminary. 4to. New York, 1867. Lond., Trubner. S. 3/6. An excellent translation. The design did not allow of more than slender notes, but those notes are good.

BARNES (Albert. 1798-1870). Notes on Job. Rout ledge's edition, edited by Dr. Cumming. 2 vols., 8vo. 5/ Blackie's edition. 2 vols., post 8vo. 7/-Exceedingly good. One of the best of this author's generally valuable productions. The student should purchase this work at once. as it is absolutely necessary to his library.

BELLAMY (D.) Paraphrase, with observations. 4to. Lond., 1748. 4/-A collection of notes from other authors. Original works are far better.

BEZA (Theodore. 1519-1605.) Job expounded. 8va. 1590. 7/ Beza was the great friend and assistant of Calvin. As a commentator he lacked the profound insight and comprehensive grasp of Calvin, but as a critical scholar he is said to have been his equal if not his superior. 'This work on Job is rare.

BLACKMORE (Sir R.) Paraphrase on the Book of Job, the Songs of Moses, Deborah, and David, four select Psalms, some Chapters of Isaiah, and the 3rd Chapter of Habakkuk. Folio. 1700. 3/ Grandiose poetry. Pope speaks of the power of Blackmore's numbers "to soothe the soul in slumbers." The worthy knight is not the worst of the poetical expositors, but he is bad enough. Miserable paraphrasers are ye all, ye brethren of jingling rhyme and doubtful measure.

CALVIN (John). Sermons on the Booke of Job. Translated out of French. By A.Golding. Folio. Lond., 1584. Not the same as the Commentary, but equally rich.

CAREY (Cateret Priaulx, M.A.) Book of Job translated, explained by Notes, and illustrated by extracts from works on Antiquities, Science, &c. Roy. 8vo. 1858. 5/ to 7/6. Purely critical and exegetical. The author has grappled manfully with all difficulties, and has stored up a mass of

precious materials with which to illuminate a book dark from its antiquity.

CARYL (Joseph. 1602-1673). Exposition, with Practical Observations. 12 vols., 4to./1-/2. 55/-Also in 2 vols., folio, 1676. 50/-Caryl must have inherited the patience of Job to have completed his stupendous task. It would be a mistake to suppose that he is at all prolix or redundant; he is only full. In the course of his expounding he has illustrated a very large portion of the whole Bible with great clearness and power. He is deeply devotional and spiritual. He gives us much, but none too much. Jaris work can scarcely be superseded or surpassed.

" " An Abridgment of Caryl's Exposition. 8vo. Edinb., 1836. 1/6. We do not believe in abridgments of a book which is good throughout. Think of twelve large volumes condensed into one small one! An ox in a gallipot is nothing to it.

CHAPPELOW (Leonard, B.D.) A Commentary, in which is inserted the Hebrew Text and English Translation. 2 vols., 4to. 6/-Camb., 1752 Chappelow is great upon Arabic etymologies, but he is dreadfully verbose, and really says nothing of any consequence. Chappelow and several other authors follow Schultens in the belief that the Hebrew can only be read by the light of the Arabic; they even imagine that the Book of Job was originally composed in Arabic by Job himself and then translated by someone else into the Hebrew tongue. This opened a fine field for parading their learning.

COLEMAN (J. Noble). The Book of Job; from the Hebrew. With Notes. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1869. S. 4/- We do not value this so much as the same author's "Psalms," but it is, serviceable in its own way.

CONANT (T. J.) See American Bible Union. (No. 338.)

DAVIDSON (A. B., M.A. Hebrew Tutor, New Coll., Edinb.) A Commentary Grammatical and Exegetical; with a Translation. Vol. I. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Williams & Norgate. 1862. Strict grammatical treatment of Scripture is always commendable, and in this case the results are highly valued by advanced scholars.

DELITZSCH (Franz). Biblical Commentary on Job 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1866. S. 12/-" Unquestionably the most valuable work on this inexhaustibly interesting Scripture that has reached us from Germany."—Nonconformist.

DURHAM (James./1-/2). Exposition of Job , 12 mo. 1659. Also Glasgow, 1759. Say 4/-This is a small book, and we have been unable to procure it. Orme only mentions it upon the authority of Wafts Bibliotheca. It is certain to be good, for Durham is always admirable.

EVANS (Alfred Bowen). Lectures on the Book of Job 8 vo. Lond., Bosworth & Harrison. 1856. S. 2/-Discourses from fourteen single verses from different parts of the patient patriarch's history. They are quite out of the usual run of Church of England preaching, and are full of thought and originality. They would have been all the better for a little gospel, for even if his text does not look that way, we do expect a Christian minister to have something to say about his Master.

FENTON (Thomas, M.A.) Annotations on Job and the Psalms,. collected from several Commentators, and methodized and improved. 8vo. Lond., 1732. 3/-All that will be found here is taken from others, but well selected.

FRY (John). New Translation and Exposition, with. Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1827. 4/6. Written in a devout, enquiring' spirit, with due respect to learned writers, but not with a slavish following' of their fancies. Fry's work is somewhat of the same character as Good's (No. 358). We greatly esteem this exposition for its own sake, and also for the evangelical tone which pervades it.

GARDEN (Charles, D.D.) An Improved Metrical Version, with preliminary dissertation and notes. 8vo. Oxf, 1796. 3/ This author has not attempted a Commentary, but he has consulted a vast array of authors, and from them gathered a large number of notes. His work is of very moderate value.

GARNETT (John. Bishop of Clogher). A Dissertation on the Book of Job, &c. 4to. Lond., 1749-2/6. Rubbish. This Bishop ascribes the authorship of Job to Ezekiel!

GOOD (John Mason, M.D., F.R.S. 1764-1827). The Book of Job literally translated. With Notes, &c. 8vo. Lond., 18 1 2. 5/-A very valuable contribution to sacred literature. Dr. Good's learning was, however, more extensive than accurate, and it would be dangerous to accept his translations without examination.

GREGORY THE GREAT. On the Book of Job. [The Magna Moralia.] Translated, with Notes and Indices. Library of the Fathers. 4 vols., f2 15s., or to subscribers ff2s. Lond., James Parker & Co. The Fathers are of course beyond criticism, and contain priceless gems here and there; but they spiritualize at such a rate, and also utter:so many crudities and platitudes, that if they were modern writers they would not be so greatly valued as they are. Antiquity lends enchantment.

HEATH (Thomas). Essay toward a New English Version of the Book of Job. With a Commentary. 4to. Lond., 1756. 2/6. All that is good in this book is marred by its utterly untenable conjectures. It,treats Job with slender reverence. Do not lumber your shelves with it.

HODGES (Walter, D.D.) Elihu: an Enquiry into the Scope and Design of the Book of Job 4 to. Lond., 1750. 12mo., third edition, 1756. 2/-Based upon the absurd supposition that Elihu was the Son of God himself, and Job a type of the Savior. Poor Job's book has been the subject of trials as numerous as those of its hero, and Hodges has given the finishing stroke. The course of dreaming can no further go. Hodge the village Methodist could never have raved at the rate c f Dr. Hodge, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W.) See under Ecclesiastes.

HULBERT (Charles AUGUSTUS, M.A., Perpetual Curate of Harthwaite, Yorks.) The Gospel Revealed to Job. Thirty Lectures, with Notes. 8vo. Lond., Longmans. 1853. S. 3/6. An unusually good book; exceeding1y comprehensive and helpful in many ways. The author aimed at usefulness and has succeeded wonderfully. We wonder that his work has not been better known.

HUTCHESON (George). An Exposition upon Job, being the sum of 316 Lectures. Folio. 12/-to 14/-Lond., 1669. Whenever the student sees a Commentary by Hutcheson let him buy it, for we know of no author who is more thoroughly helpful to thee minister of the Word. He distils the text, and gives his readers the quintessence, ready for use.

HUTCHINSON (R. E., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Surgeon. Major Bengal Army). Thoughts on the Book of Job. Lond., S. Bagster & Sons. [In the press. 1875.]

KITTO (John', D.D.) "Job and the Poetical Books." In Daily Bible Illustrations. (See No. 41.) Exceedingly instructive. Most charming reading.

LANGE'S COMMENTARY. The Book of Job. A Commentary by Otto Zockler, D.D., Professor of Theology at Greifswald. Translated from the German, with-Additions by Prof. L. J. Evans, D.D., Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. Imp. 8vo. 21/-, or to subscribers 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1874. Contains a large collection of available material, and, if within a minister's means, should be a foundation book in his library. We are very far from endorsing all Zockler's remarks, but the volume is an important one.

LEE (Samuel, D.D./1-/2). The Book of Job translated; with Introduction and Commentary. 8vo. Lond., 1837. 7/6. Barnes says, "This work is not what might have been expected from the learning and reputation of Prof Lee. It abounds with Arabic learning, which is scattered with ostentatious profuseness through the volume, but which often contributes little to the elucidation of the text. It is designed for the critical scholar rather than the general reader."

NOYES (G R., D.D.) A New Translation, with Notes. 12mo. Boston, U.S. [N.D.] S. 3/-We have been informed that Dr. Noyes belongs to the Unitarian body, but we fail to see any trace of Arian or Socinian views in this volume. We do not agree with all that he says, but he strikes us as being an honest, able, and accurate translator and commentator, worthy to stand in the foremost rank.

PETERS (Charles, A.M. Died 1777). A Critical Dissertation on the Book of Job. Wherein the Account given in that book by the author of The Divine Legation Of Moses Demonstrated, &c., is particularly considered; and a Future State shewn to have been the Popular Belief of the Ancient Hebrews 4 to. Lond., 1751. 2/6. Of a controversial character; mainly written against Warburton and/e Clerc, and,as those authors are now almost forgotten, answers to them have lost their interest. Peters was an eminently learned man, and well versed in argument; but his work is,of very small use for homiletical purposes.

QUARLES (Francis). Job Militant, with Meditations, Divine and Moral. 4to. 1624. 5/-A Poem in Quarles' usual inflated, but withal instructive, manner.

ROBINSON (T., D.D.) A Homiletic Commentary on Job. [In progress, 1875. Being Part IV. of the Preacher's Commentary, 1/-] Lond., Dickinson. This we hope will be of use to preachers, but we have hardly enough before us to judge of it.

SCOTT (Thomas). The Book of Job in English Verse, with Remarks. 4to. Lond., 1771. Reprinted, 8vo., 1733. S. 2/3. Here we have Job in rhyme-" There lived an Arab of distinguish'd fame,

In Idumean Uz; and Job his name.

Of spotless manners, with a soul sincere,

Evil his hate, and God alone his fear."

This will hardly do. To translate Job in metre needed a Pope or a Dryden, and Thomas Scott was neither: he has, however, done his best, the best could have done no more. This is not Thomas Scott the great Expositor, but a Dissenting Minister at Ipswich.

SENAULT (J. F.) A Paraphrase. 4to. Lond., [648. 3/6. Senault was a famous preacher of the Oratory in Paris, who, from the character of his works, would seem to have been almost a Protestant. His writings were highly esteemed in their day, and translated into English.

SMITH (Elizabeth). The Book of Job translated from the Hebrew, with Annotations. 8vo. Lond., 1810. 1/6. "A good English version of Job, produced chiefly by the aid of Parkhurst's Lexicon."—Orme.

STATHER (Lieut.-Col., W. C.) The Book of Job, in English Verse; with Notes. 12mo. Lond., E. Marlborough & Co. z859. S. x/-We do not like Job in rhyme. We know of no rhyming version of any part of Scripture, except the Psalms, which can be called a success. Certainly this is not one. The author's notes deserve consideration.

STOCK (Joseph, D.D. Bishop of Killalia). The Book of Job, Metrically arranged, and newly translated, with Notes. 4to. z805. 4/' The work of six weeks! Well may Magee say that it is full of "precipitances, mistakes, and mutilations." This was a bishop and a Doctor of Divinity! It takes a great man to perpetrate a very great folly. A metrical translation of Job with Notes in six weeks! In that time slacks bloom to perfection. Perhaps that fact operated on our author. Let this blundering haste serve as a warning to young divines.

UMBREIT (Friedrich, W. K. Prof. of Theol. in Heidelberg./1-/2). A New Version of the Book of Job; with Notes. Translated by the Rev. John Hamilton Gray, M.A. 2 vols., 12mo. 8/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. Useful philologically; but Barnes would supply far more in that direction, and spiritual exposition besides.

VAN HAGEN (Mrs. Henry). Evenings in the Land of Uz; a Comment on Job. Second Edition. 12mo. 1843. 1/6. Isaac Taylor commends this volume as one which "disclaiming all purpose of critical exposition, aims only under the guidance of Christian feeling and experience to follow and to unfold the spiritual intention of this rich portion of Holy Scripture." Such an introduction must have helped to sell the work and carry it speedily to the second edition.

WAGNER (George). Sermons on the Book of Job. Cr. 8vo. Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1863. S. 3/-Wagner's sermons are simple and plain, devout and instructive. We have here nothing very fresh, but everything is sound and good.

WEMYSS (Thomas). Job and his Times. New Version, with Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1839. 2/6. Barnes says:—"This is designed to be a popular work. It is not so much of the nature of a Commentary as a collection of fragments and brief essays on various topics referred to in the Book of Job. It is chiefly valuable for its illustration of the religion of the time of Job, the arts and sciences, the manners and customs, &c." It lacks lucid arrangement, and furnishes comparatively little illustration of the difficulties of the text.

Psalms

ABBOT (George). Brief Notes. Being a pithie and clear opening of the Scope and Meaning of the Text, to the capacitie of the Weakest. 4to. Lond., 1651. 5/-An experimental exposition by a Member of Parliament under the Commonwealth. Though not of the first order, many of his remarks are good. Abbot was nephew to the Archbishop of the same name.

ALEXANDER (Joseph Addison, D.D., Professor of Theology, Princeton, U.S.) The Psalms Translated and Explained. 8vo. 8/6. Edinb., Andrew Elliot. 1864. S. 5/6. Occupies a first place among expositions. It is a clear and judicious explanation of the text, and cannot be dispensed with.

ALEXANDER (William Henry). The Book of Praises. The Psalms, with Notes. Sm. 8vo. Lond., Jackson, Walford & Hodder. 1867. S. 2/6. The Notes are mostly from other authors, and are selected with discretion. They do not appear to have been designed by their collector for use beyond his own family circle, and they were published after his death by his friends. We question the wisdom of the publication.

AUGUSTINE. Expositions. Translated, with Notes. 6 vols., 8vo. Oxf, 1847. [In The Library of the Fathers, published by Messrs. J. Parker & Co., Oxf. and Land.] f3 15s., or to subscribers f2 16s. 6d. As a Father he is beyond ordinary criticism, or we would venture to say that he is too frequently mystical, and confounds plain texts. No theological library is complete without this work, for there are grand thoughts in it like huge nuggets of Australian gold.

BAKER (Richard, D.D.) The Psalms Evangelized. 8vo. 1811. 2/6. Very pious; but if the work should ever disappear from literature its absence will not leave a very great gap. Bishop Horne and Dr. Hawker between them more than cover the space.

BARNES (Albert). Notes. 3 vols., post 8vo. 13/6. Lond., Edinb., and Glasgow, Blackie & Sons. 1868. Thoroughly good. Using these notes constantly, we are more and more struck with their value. For the general run of preachers this is probably the best commentary extant.

BELLARMINE (Robert. Cardinal. 1542~1621:.) A Commentary. Translated from the Latin, by the Ven. John O'Sullivan, D.D. Sm. 4to. Lond., James Duffy. 1866. S. 4/-Popish, but marvellously good for a Cardinal. He is frequently as evangelical as a Reformer. He follows the Vulgate text in this comment.

BELLET (J. G.) Short Meditations on the Psalms, chiefly in their Prophetic character. 2/-Lond., W. H. Broom. 1871. Mere fragments, in a style which we do not admire, which seems to be peculiar to certain brethren. Only the initiated can understand what such writers mean.

BINNIE (William, D.D.) The Psalms: Their History, Teachings, and Use. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., T. Nelson. 1870. A highly valuable work. It is not an exposition, but can readily be used as such, for it possesses a good index to the passages treated of. Dr. Binnie reviews with great skill and intense devotion the various sacred poems contained in the Book of Psalms, and gives the general run and character of each one.]]is work is unlike any other, and supplies a great desideratum

BONAR (Andrew A.) Christ and his Church in the Book of Psalms. Demy 8vo. 10/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1859 Of the highest order of merit. The author does not strain the text, but gives its real meaning. His remarks are always weighty, spiritual, and suggestive; we only wish there were more of them. He has cultivated brevity.

BOUCHIER (Barton, A.M.) Manna in the Heart; or, Daily Comments on the Psalms, for the Use of Families. 2 vols., Sm. 8vo. Lond., J. F. Shaw. 1856. S. 5/-Among the best books ever written for family reading. Evangelical, devotional, and expository. Preachers will find good thought here.

BURTON (John). The Book of Psalms in English Verse. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., John Shaw & Co. 1871. The Psalms rhymed in a New Testament spirit: they are better in prose.

BUSH (G.) A Commentary on the Book of Psalms. With a new literal version. 8vo. New York, 1838. Does not appear to have been reprinted in England.

BYTHNER (Victor. Died 1670). The Lyre of David; or, an Analysis of the Psalms, Critical and Practical; to which is added a Hebrew and Chaldee Grammar. To which are added by the Translator a Praxis of the first eight Psalms. Translated by the Rev. Thomas Dee, A.B. 8vo. 1836. S. 7/6.

We agree with the statement found in the Preface of this work: "Nearly two centuries have passed away, since Bythner, uncertain of its reception, first committed his Lyra to public light; during:which time, instead of sinking, it has advanced in estimation,' being admitted by all the learned to be the very best work on the Psalms in Hebrew. The number of Hebrew radical words is 1867; of these, 1184 occur in the Psalms; it follows then, that a thorough know/edge of the Psalms very nearly amounts to a thorough knowledge of the language, and that Bythner's Lyra, in being the best work on the Psalms, must be the best work on Hebrew in general." Our readers will scarcely need us to add that Bythner's work is only useful to those who study the Hebrew.

CALVIN (John). The Psalms of David and others, with Commentaries. Translated by Arthur Golding. 2 vols., 4to. Lond., 1571.

" " A Commentary on the Psalms. Translated. 5 vols., 8vo. Oaf, 1840. S. 7/- Calvin is a tree whose "leaf also shall not wither"; whatever he has written lives on, and is never out of date, because he expounded the word without bias or partiality.

CARTER (Charles. Missionary to Ceylon). The Psalms, newly translated from the Hebrews 12 mo. 2/6. Lond., J. Snow. 1869. The emendations are carefully made by the translator, who has been for many years engaged upon the Singalese version. A helpful book.

CAYLEY (C.B., B.A.) The Psalms in Metre. [With Notes]. 12mo. 6/-Lond., Longmans. 1860. We do not think much of the metrical rendering, which often jars on the ear. There are a few good notes at the end.

CHAMPNEY (H. N., ESQ.) A Textual Commentary on the Psalms Sq16 mo. 3/' Lond., S. Bagster & Sons. 1852. S. 1/-Merely a collection of parallel texts. Make one for yourself.

CHANDLER (Samuel, D.D.) See No. 283.

CLAY (William Keatinge, B.D.) Expository Notes on the Prayer Book Version of the Psalms. Sm. 8vo. Lond., John W. Parker. 1839. S. 2/6. Commendable in its way, but not important. Most of its matter is to be found elsewhere.

COLEMAN (John Noble, M.A.) Psalterium Messianicum Davidis Regis et Prophetarum. A Revision of the Authorized Version, with Notes, original and selected; vindicating the prophetic manifestations of Messiah in the Psalms, &c. Imp. 8VO. 12/-Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1865. S. 5/-Useful for its quotations from the Fathers and ancient writers. The large type swells out a small quantity of material to a needless size, and so puts purchasers to an unnecessary expense.

CONANT (Thomas J.) The Psalms. The Common Version, revised for the American Bible Union. 4to. 1871. Lond., Trubner & Co. S. 4/-A trustworthy translation with a few notes.

CONGLETON (Lord). The Psalms. A New Version, with Notes. Thick 12mo. Zend., James E. Hawkins. 1875. The translation is mainly that of Rogers (No. 464), and the Notes refer the Psalms to historic and prophetic subjects. We see no use whatever in this production.

COWLES (Henry, D.D.) The Psalms; with Notes. 8vo. New York, 1872. Worth about 5/-Always repays for consulting, though it does not contain much that is new, original, or profound. It might be reprinted in England, with the probability of a large sale.

CRESSWELL (Daniel, D.D., F.R.S.) Psalms of David, according to the Book of Common Prayer; with Notes. Sm. 8vo. Lond., Rivingtons. 1843. S. 2/-The explanatory notes are neither prolix nor commonplace, but show much clear insight. They are deservedly held in esteem.

CRITICAL TRANSLATION (A) of the Psalms, in Metre. Cr. 8vo. 5/6. Lond., S. Bagster & Sons. The author has labored hard to arrive at the correct meaning of the Hebrew, and to versify it. The work is very carefully done, but few preachers can afford to spend their money on a book of this kind.

DALLAS (A. R. C., M.A.) The Book of Psalms arranged in Daily Portions for Devotional Reading. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1860. S. 1/6. A new arrangement: the old one is good enough for us.

DARBY (J. N.) Practical Reflections. Cr. 8vo. Lond, R. A. Allen. 1870. Too mystical for ordinary minds. If the author would write in plain English his readers would probably discover that there is nothing very valuable in his remarks.

DE BURGH (William, A.M.) Commentary; Critical, Devotional, and Prophetical. 2 vols., 8vo. 28/-Dublin, Hodges, Smith & Co. 1860. S. 12/6. A second-advent interpreter; and one of the best of his class. Highly esteemed by those who are enthusiastic upon prophetic subjects.

DELITZSCH (Franz). Commentary on the Psalms 3 vols. 10/6 each. Edinb, T. & T. Clark. 1871. S. 5/-each. Thoroughly learned, but wants unction. Not adapted for common readers, but scholars will prize it greatly. The Princeton Review says of it: "We commend this commentary as a valuable aid to preachers and exegetes in elucidating the Psalms."

DICKSON (David. Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinb, 1583-1662). A brief explanation of the Psalms 3 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1655. Reprinted in 2 vols., 12mo. Glasg., 1834. 3/-to 6/-A rich volume, dropping fatness. Invaluable to the preacher. Having read and re-read it, we can speak of its holy savor and suggestiveness. We commend it with much fervor.

DIMOCK (H.) Notes, Critical and Explanatory, on the Book of Psalms, &c. 4to. 1791. 3/-The notes mainly concern the various readings, and exhibit considerable learning; but we do not think much of a homiletical kind can be got out of them.

DUNWELL (F. H., B.A.) Parochial Lectures on the Psalms, from the Fathers of the Primitive Church. 8vo. Lond., J. H. Parker. 1855. 3/6. This author spiritualizes far too much. His metaphors are overdone.

EDWARDS (Joseph, M.A.) Devotional Exposition. 8vo. Lond., 1850. 1/6. A paraphrase of no great value. Even Masters of Arts may fail.

EDWARDS (T.) New Translation, with Notes, &c. 8vo. Lond., 1755. The writer was an able man, but his book is of small worth.

EWART (J.,A.M.) Lectures on the Psalms 3 vols., 8vo. Lond.,:826. 5/ The author was a Presbyterian Minister of the time of the Pretender, and we suspect that he was a high and dry Moderate. His comments were given at the public reading of the Scriptures, and although destitute of spirituality and Gospel clearness, they are not without a measure of originality.

EXTON (Richard Brudenell). Sixty Lectures on the Psalms. as appointed to be read in the Services of the Church of England. 8vo. Lond., 1847. 3/ Very poor and prosy. We pity the hearer who sat out these sixty lectures.

FENTON (Thomas, M.A.) Annotations on Job and Psalms, from several Commentators. 8vo. Lond., 1732. 3/-The Annotations are choice, but will be found in easily accessible works.

FENWICK (George, B.D.) Thoughts on the Hebrew Titles of the Psalms, &c. 8vo. Lond., 1749. 6/-The Psalter in its original form . . . with Arguments

" " and Notes. [Anon.] 8vo. Lond., 1789. 3/-These two works are praiseworthy in design, but they are too fanciful.

FORBES (Granville) The Voice of God in the Psalms. Cr. 8vo. 6/6. Lond., Macmillan. S. 3/6. Sermons by a Northamptonshire Rector of the Broad School. They do not strike us as being anything very wonderful; certainly "The Voice of God" is not remarkably audible in them.

"FOUR FRIENDS." The Psalms of David Chronologically arranged, with Notes. By Four Friends. Cr. 8vo. 8/6. Lond., Macmillan. 1867. Here the Psalms are thrust out of their usual order, and treated after the manner left he Broad School of thought. We do not attach any great value to this production. With some persons perversity passes for profundity, and if a man differs from everybody else they are persuaded that he must be an original genius: the "four friends" will stand high in the esteem of such critics. We neither believe in their chronology, their theology, nor their philology.

FRENCH (William, D.D.) and SKINNER (George, M.A.) Translation, with Notes. 8vo. Lond., Parker. 1842. 2/6. A version held in high esteem. Notes very short.

FRY (John, B.A.) A Translation and Exposition of the Psalms, on the principles adopted in the posthumous work of Bishop Horsley; viz., that those sacred oracles have for the most part an immediate reference to Christ and to his first and second advents. 8vo. Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1842. 5/-Fry follows Bishop Horsley and looks much to the second advent. The work is not fair either as a translation, or as an exposition. It is useful in its own direction, as showing how a peculiar theory has been supported by an able man; but it must not be implicitly relied upon.

FYSH (Frederic, M.A.) A Lyrical, Literal Version [with Notes]. 2 vols., 12mo. Lond., Seeleys. 1851.-/6. A valuable literal version. Notes scant, but scholarly.

GEDDES (Alexander, LL.D. A Raman Catholic divine. 1737— 1802). New Translation, with Various Readings and Notes. geo. Lond., 1807. 3/ This is said to be "a careful rendering, aiming at the primary meaning of the psalmists." Dr. Henderson speaks of Geddes as flagrantly disfiguring his Biblical labors with profanity. He was a singular mixture of Romanist and free-thinker.

GOOD (John MASON, M.D., F.R.S.) Historical Outline of the Book of Psalms. Edited by the Rev. John Mason Neale, B.A. Lond., W. H. Dalton. 1842. S/-This is not a commentary, but may be regarded as an introduction to the work next mentioned, by the same author. Historical light is frequently the very best which can be cast upon a passage, and Dr. Good has known how to apply it. He may sometimes be thought fanciful, but he is never really speculative, and he almost always says something worth noting.

GOOD (J. M.) The Book of Psalms; a New Translation, with Notes. Edited by the Rev. E. Henderson, D.D. 8va. Lond., Seeleys. 1854. 4/-Dr. Good was a medical gentleman with a large practice, and yet he managed to produce this learned volume. "I save every quarter of an hour for it," said he, "for my heart is in it." He was a man of 6rear attainments and genuine piety. The progress made in Hebrew philology and exegesis since his day has been great; but his work has not been altogether superseded. It is of a high class, from a literary pint of view, but must not be blindly followed.

GREEN (William, M.A.) A Translation, with Notes. 8vo.,762. 3/-A translation with meagre notes.

HAMMOND (Henry, D.D./1-/2). Paraphrase and Annotations. Folio. 1659. 7/6. 2vols. 8vo. Oxf., 1850. S. 6/-Much esteemed, and deservedly so. Hammond's weighty tome is somewhat dry, and many of his remarks are rather those of a linguist than of a divine, but he touches on many matters which others omit, and is, upon the whole, an expositor of singular merit.

HAPSTONE (Dalman, M.A.) The Psalms in appropriate Metres; a strictly literal Translation, with Notes. 8va. 7/6. Edinb., Oliphant. 1867. We prefer our own version, and do not think many of Mr. Hapstone's stanzas successful as attempts at poetry.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W., D.D.) Commentary. 3 vols., 8va. f1 13s. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1845-8. S. 15/-A masterly work; but about as dry as Gideon's unwetted fleece.

HILLER (O. Prescott. Minister of the New Jerusalem Church, Cross Street, London.) Notes on the Psalms [I.—LXXVII.] Explanatory of their Spiritual Sense. 8va. Lond., James Spiers. 1869. S. 4/-Swedenborgian, and frequently absurd. The author confounds rather than expounds.

HORNE (George, D.D. Bishop of Norwich. 1730—1792). Commentary. [Numerous editions: among others a Glasgow edition, 3 vols., 12mo., with Introductory Essay by Edward Irving, M.A., which is one of Irving's best efforts. Tegg's edition, 1 vol., 8vo. 6/-] S. 3/-It has been said that this author had no qualification for a corn, me, rotor except piety. This is not true, for he had natural poetry in his soul; and even if it were true, his work would 60 far to show how abundantly piety compensates for other deficiencies He is among the best of our Eng1ish writers on this part of Scripture, and certainly one of the most popular.

HORSLEY (Samuel Bishop of Norwich). The Book of Psalms. With Notes Explanatory and Critical. 8vo. Lond., 1833. 4/-Vigorous writing, with a propensity to indulge in new readings, and a

persistent twist in one direction. The notes show the hand of a master, and have exerted much influence in directing thoughtful minds to the subject of the Second Advent, as foreshadowed in the Old Testament, but they must be used with extreme caution.

JEBB (John). Literal Translation; with Dissertations on the word Selah, and on the Authorship, Order, Titles, and Poetry of the Psalms 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., Longmans. 1846. 4/-Jebb takes for his motto in translating, that saying of/looker: "I 'hold it for an infallible rule in expositions of sacred Scripture, that where a literal construction will stand, the farthest from the letter is commonly the worst." His notes are scant, but his dissertations in the second volume are most admirable.

JENNINGS (A. C., B.A.) and LOWE (W. H., M.A.) The Psalms, with Introductions and Critical Notes. Books III. and IV. [Psalms LXXIII. to CVI.] Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Macmillan & Co. 1874. Learned, but more occupied with mere verbal criticisms than with any useful suggestions which could be turned to account by a preacher.

JONES (Joseph, M.A.) The Psalms; with Reflections. 12mo. Lond., 1846. 1/-to 2/- Pious, but poor.

KAY (William, D.D.) The Psalms translated from the Hebrew. With Notes, chiefly Exegetical. 8vo. 12/6. Lond., Rivingtons. 1871. A refreshing book; the notes being' out of the ordinary run, and casting much light on many passages. To thoroughly appreciate this author one should be a Hebrew scholar.

KEBLE (John, M.A. Author of "The Christian Year." 1792— 1869). The Psalter, in English Verse. Fcap. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Parker & Co. 1869. A poet's version of a grand series of poems.

LANGE'S COMMENTARY. Edited by Dr. P. Schaff. Imp. 8vo. 21/-Subscribers 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1872. Comparatively feeble. Not up to the usual standard of this admirable series. Still, it is among the best of modern commentaries.

LINTON (Henry, M.A.) The Psalms of David and Solomon explained. Fcap., 8vo. 3/-Lond., Bagsters. 1871. A small affair in all ways.

LUTHER (Martin). A Manual of the Book of Psalms; or the subject-contents of all the Psalms. Translated by Rev. Henry Cole. 8vo. Lond., 1823. [Also a volume of":The Christian's Family Library." 12mo. Lond., Seeleys.] 2/-Fragmentary, a mere table of contents, but truly Lutheran.

MANT (Richard, D.D. Bishop of Down./1-1/2). The Book of Psalms in an English Metrical Version, with Notes. 8vo. Oxf, 1824. 3/-A bold version, with important notes. In this instance we can-less that there may be real poetry in a metrical version, and through the flame does not in each composition burn with equal brilliance, yet in some verses it is the true poetic fire. Mant is no mean writer.

MARSH (Edward GARRARD, M.A.) The Book of Psalms translated into English verse, with Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1832. 2/6. Contains nothing of any consequence to an expositor, though the verse is considerably above the average of such productions.

MERRICK (James, M.A./1-1/2). The Psalms Paraphrased in English verse. 12mo. Reading, 1766. 1/6. "Annotations on the Psalms 4 to. Reading, 1778. 3/' These two works are scarce. They are rather more suited for the admirers of poetry than for ministers of the Word. It is said that some of

the notes are by Archbishop Secker, and that Lowth also aided in the exposition; but the combined result is of no great value to the preacher.

MORISON (John, D.D.) Exposition of the Book of Psalms, explanatory, critical, and devotional. 2 vols, 8vo. 1829. 3 vols., 8vo. 1832. 8/-to 10/-The first volume is the best. There is nothing very original, but it is an instructive exposition, and ought to be better known.

MUDGE (Zachary. Prebendary of Exeter. Died 1760). An Essay towards a New English Version. 4to. Lond., 1744-3/' Elegant in taste rather than sound in scholarship. Mudge was highly esteemed by Dr. Johnson, and he was no doubt a very worthy man; but his exposition can be dispensed with.

MURPHY (James G., LL.D.) A Critical and Exegetical Comment. 8vo. 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1875. T/ds may be called a volume of compressed thought. The author has aimed at neither being too long nor too short, late has succeeded in producing a very useful and usable work, with many points of unusual value. Dr. Murphy is well known as an accomplished Hebraist and a lucid expositor. We have already noticed his works on Genesis (134) and Exodus (176).

NEALE (John MASON, D.D.) and (LITTLEDALE, R. F., LL.D.) A Commentary, from Primitive and Mediaeval Writers. 4 vols., post 8vo. 10/6 each. Lond., Masters & Co. 1860-74. Unique, and to very high churchmen most precious. We admire the learning and research; but the conceits, the twistings, and allegorical interpretations surpass conception. As a collection of mediaeval mysticisms it is unrivalled.

NICHOLSON (William. Bishop of Gloucester. Died 1671). David's Harp Strung and Tuned; or, An Easie Analysis of the Whole Book of Psalms. Folio. Lond., 1662. 21/-" Wholly practical and explanatory. In his explications the author steers between the two extremes of literal and spiritual interpretation. Dr. Adam Clark has inserted Bishop Nicholson's Analysis in his commentary on the Psalms, omitting his prayers."—Horne. This book fetches a high price when complete, and we cannot advise a poor man to lay out so much money upon it, good as it is.

NOYES (G. R., D.D.) A New Translation, with Notes. 12mo. Boston, U. S., 1831 and 1846. 2/6 to 4/-Dr. Noyes was the Hebrew Professor in Harvard University. His Introduction is full of information; the new translation is useful, and the notes are brief and pertinent.

OXENDEN (Ashton, D.D. Bishop of Montreal). A Simple Exposition. 2 vols., cr. 8vo. 3/6 each. Lond., Hatchards. For reading at family prayers. Alas, poor families! Ye have need of patience.

PEROWNE (J. J. STEWART, B.D., Canon Res. of Llan-daft). The Book of Psalms; a New Translation, with Introductions and Notes. 8vo. Vol. I. 18/-Vol. II. 16/- [Abridged edition for Schools and Private Students. Cr. 8vo. 10/6.] Lond., George Bell & Sons. 1864-68. ,4 masterpiece of extraordinary learning and critical skill, although not altogether what we would desire. The "Saturday Review" said:—"Mr. Perowne is probably as capable as any one in England of doing all that Hebrew scholarship? can do towards a better knowledge of the Psalms. The learning which he has brought together gives a value of its own to his book, and makes it an important contribution to a department of Biblical scholarship lit which we are at present rather poorly furnished.

PIERCE (Samuel. EYLES). The Book of Psalms 2 vols.. 8vo. 1817. Very scarce. 24/-This author is held in high esteem for the "sound and savory" character of his works. On the Psalms he writes to comfort and edification. The work is regarded as superexcellent by our extra-calvinistic friends, but we do not think it quite worth the fancy price which is now asked.

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LUTHER (Martin). A Commentary on Psalms I.-XI.; and on Psalm LI., in Vol. 3; on Psalms XII.-XXII. and on Psalm II. in Vol. 4, of Select Works of Luther. Translated by Rev. H. Cole. [4 vols. 8vo. Lond., 1824. 18/-] A Commentary on the Psalms, commonly called the Psalms of Degrees [CXX.-CXXXIV]. 8vo. Lewes, 1823. Also a black letter 4to., 1577, and other editions of this work. Luther needs no trumpeter.

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LI.—MORGAN (James, D.D.) The Penitent. 12mo. Belfast, M'Comb; Lond., Hamilton. 1855. The excellent doctor first wrote this exposition for his own spiritual benefit, then preached it for the edification of his flock, and lastly published it for the good of us all. This is a worthy pedigree /or a book, and the book itself is worthy of the pedigree.

LI.—PAGE (Samuel, DD. Died 1630). David's Broken Heart. 4to. 1637 and 1646. 5/-Every page is like a bank note for value. Here are homiletical materials in abundance.

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who like choice pieces of writing upon the literature of Scripture will be gratified by the perusal of this exposition.

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XCIX., CI., CII.—EDERSHEIM (Alfred, D.D.) The Golden Diary of Heart Converse with Jesus. 1873. Contains Expositions of Psalms XCIX., CI., CII. Sweet and spiritual; worth purchasing.

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CVII.—HYPERIUS (Andrew Gerard. 1511-1564). A Special Treatise of God's Providence and Comfort against all kinds of Crosses and Calamities, to be drawn from the same; with an Exposition of the One Hundred and Seventh Psalme. From the Latin. Black Letter. 8yD. 1602. 15/-Scarce. This author has written in Latin upon many subjects, but his works are now little known He was a learned Lutheran.

CVII.—ROMAINE (William, M.A. 1714-1795). A Practical Comment on Psalm CVII. 8yD. Fifth edition, 1767. x/6 to 4/-Also in Works, IV. Romaine's doctrine and style of writing are well known. He could not be accused of overlaying the truth with much learning. The thought is gracious, sound, and practical, but the style is just a little dull.

CX.—REYNOLDS (Edward, D.D. Bishop of Norwich. 1599— 1676). Explication of the One Hundred and Tenth Psalm. 4to., 1632 and 1635; 12mo., 1837. 2/-to 3/6. Also in Works. Surpassingly clear and elaborate. Reynolds was a man of vast learning and thoroughly evangelical spirit.

CXVI.—GOUGE (William, D.D. Puritan. 1575-1653). The Saints' Sacrifice. 4to. 1632. Scarce. 3/6. Reprinted in Nichol's Commentaries, with Smith, No. 499; and Pierson, No. 527. Gouge's method of cutting up his exposition into sections and discussing everything in propositions, is very tedious to the reader, but we judge it to be advantageous to the preacher. At any rate Gouge has often given us a hint. He was a man of great learning.

CXIX.—BRIDGES (Charles, M.A.) Exposition. Twenty-second edition. Cr. 8vo. Lond., 1857. Worth its weight in gold. A/belt that the work is neither learned nor very original we prize it for its

surpassing grace and unction.

CXIX.—COWPER (William. Bp. of Galloway. 1566-1619). A Holy Alphabet for Sion's Scholars. A Commentary upon CXIX Psalm. Folio. Lond., 1613; and in Works. Folio. 1629. Dr. M'Crie gives a high character to all Cowper's works, and says that a vein of practical piety runs through them, while the style is remarkable for ease and fluency. This remark applies emphatically to the, "Holy Alphabet." We have found it very delightful reading.

CXIX.—GREENHAM (Richard. Puritan./1-/2). An Exposition of the 119 Psalme. Works. Folio. Lond., 1612. We regret that this comment is not published separately, and is only to be procured by purchasing the rest of Greenham's works. The style, however, is antique and cramped, and Manton and Bridges are quite enough.

CXIX.—MANTON (Thomas, D.D. 1620-1677). One hundred and ninety Sermons on the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm. Folio, Lond., 1725; 3 vols., 8vo., Lond., 1842; 3 vols (with Life), 1845. 7/- Fully up to Manton's highest mark, and he is well known to have been one of the chief of the Puritan brotherhood. The work is long, but that results only from the abundance of matter.

CXIX.—SANDERSON (R. B., ESQ., B.A.) Lord's Day Literature: or, Illustrations of the Book of Psalms from the Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm consecutively. 12mo. Lond., 1842. We cannot call this an exposition, its title far more accurately describes it. The author takes occasion from the text to plead for those points of doctrine and practice into which he had been led by the Spirit of God. He was an eminently conscientious man, a bold believer, and a Baptist.

CXX.—CXXXIV.—ARMPFIELD (H. T., M.A. Vice-Principal, J'heal. Call., Vicar of the Close, and Minor Canon of Sarum). The Gradual Psalms: a Treatise on the Fifteen Songs of Degrees, with Commentary, based on Ancient Hebrew, Chaldee, and Christian Authorities. 8vo. Lond., J. T. Hayes. 1874. A wonderfully interesting book from a literary point of view; perhaps more singular than profitable; but in many respects a publication which we should have been sorry to have missed. The homiletical student will not be able to make much use of it.

CXX.—CXXXIV.—COX (Samuel). The Pilgrim Psalms; an Exposition of the Songs of Degrees. 8vo. Lond., Daldy, Isbister & Co. 1874. This will be greatly valued by intelligent readers. A noble series of sermons would be pretty sure to grow out of its attentive perusal. Mr. S. Cox is a great expositor.

CXX.—CXXXIV.—LUTHER (Martin). See 2Va. 488.

CXX.—CXXXIV.—M'MICHAEL (N.,D.D.) The Pilgrim Psalms. Cr. 8vo. Edinb., Oliphant. 1860. S. 3/- ,4 capital work, full of sound doctrine perfumed with devotion.

CXX.—CXXXIV.—NISBET (Robert, D.D.) The Songs of the Temple Pilgrims. Lond., Nisbet. 1863. Dr. Nisbet regards the "Songs of Degrees as affording so complete an exhibition of the phases of religious sentiment, as to make these short poems a transcript of the feelings of the whole Church; a miniature Bible for the use of all." He has expounded in this spirit, with well-chosen language, and produced a very valuable and instructive book.

CXXII.—WILLET (Andrew). In Willet's Harmonie and Exposition of the Books of Samuel there is "a brief exposition of the 122 Psalm." Willet ought to have known better than to twist a psalm to the

honor and glory of James I. As a learned man he says good things, and as a courtier foolish things.

CXXX.—HUTCHESON (George). Forty-five Sermons Psalm CXXX. 8vo. Edinb., 1691. Scarce. 5/-We have already advised the purchase of anythin⁶ and every. thin⁶ by Hutcheson. Be sure not to confound this with Hutchinson.

CXXX.—LEIGHTON (Robert). See No. 529.

CXXX.—OWEN (John, D.D.) A Practical Exposition on the One Hundred and Thirtieth Psalm. Lond. 4to. 1669 and 1680. R. Tract Society's edition. 18mo. 2/-One of the best known and most esteemed of John Owen's works. It is unnecessary to say that he is the prince of divines. To master his works is to be a profound theologian. Owen is said to be prolix, but it would be truer to say that he is condensed. His style is heavy because he gives notes of what he might have said, and passes on without fully developing the great thoughts of his capacious mind. He requires hard study, and none of us ought to grudge it.

CXXX.—SIBBES (Richard, D.D.) The Saints' Comforts. 18mo. 1638. Works, Vol. VI. Nichol's Edition. 3/6 per vol. Notes on five verses only. Published without the author's sanction, it is incomplete, but very full as far as it goes, and considering its brevity.

CXXX.—WINSLOW (Octavius, D.D.) Soul-Depths and Soul-Heights; an Exposition of Psalm CXXX. Cr. 8vo. Lond., J. F. Shaw. 1874. Not very deep nor very high, but pleasant spiritual reading.

Books of Solomon

KEIL and DELITZSCH'S Commentaries. Salomonic Writings. 3 vols. [In preparation], 10/6 each. Edinb., T. & T. Clark.

LANG'S Commentaries. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. By Dr. Otto Zöckler. Imp. 8vo. 21/-, or to subscribers 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1870. We cannot say that we admire Zöckler's interpretation of the Sa⁶ of Solomon. The volume contains much that we do not like, but its value is considerable. It is a pity that the value of the volumes in this series varies so much.

NOYES (G. R., D.D.) A Translation of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Canticles, with Notes, &c. 12mo. Boston, US. 1846. Of Noyes upon Ecclesiastes, Dr. Hamilton says:—"This interpretation is clear and straightforward, but the American Professor gives to the book an air of theological tenuity and mere worldly wisdom which carries neither our conviction nor our sympathy." Noyes is a good literary expositor, but his theological views render him a very poverty-stricken commentator from a spiritual point of view.

Proverbs

ALLEN (Robert. Puritan). Concordances of the Proverbs and Ecclesiastes 4to. 1612. 2/6. An ordinary concordance will answer the purpose far better; but the wonderfully wise, half-crazy Cruden had not compiled his invaluable work in Allen's days.

ARNOT(William, D.D. Died 1875). Laws from Heaven for Life on Earth. 2 vols., cr. 8vo. S. 7/6. 1858. Also 1 vol., cr. 8vo. 7/6. Edinb., Nelson. 1869. S. 5/-We wish Dr. A mot had gone steadily

through the whole book, for his mind was of an order peculiarly adapted for such a task. Those passages which he dilates upon are set in a clear and beautiful light. For a happy blending' of illustrative faculty, practical sound sense, and spirituality, Dr. A mot was almost unrivalled.

BRIDGES (Charles, M.A.) An Exposition. 2 vols., 12mo. Lond., Seeleys. 1850. S. 6/. The best work on the Proverbs. The Scriptural method of exposition so well carried out by Bridges renders all his writings very suggestive to ministers. While explaining' the passage in hand, he sets other portions of the word in new lights.

BROOKS (J. W., M.A.) A New Arrangement of the Proverbs of Solomon. 12mo. Lond., Seeleys. 1860. 1/-We do not see the use of the arrangement; but those who want the Proverbs classified have the work done for them here.

CASE (R. J.) A Commentary. 12mo. Lond., 1822. S. 6d. The Proverbs themselves are plainer than this author's exposition of them.

DAY (William. Formerly Missionary to the South Seas). A Poetical Commentary. 8vo. 14/-Lond., Simpkin, Marshall & Co. 1862, S. 3/ The author says, he has "a taste for building rhymes," and he has here gratified it. That is all we can say for his book.

DELITZSCH (FRANZ, D.D.) Biblical Commentary. Translated from the German, by M. G. Easton, D.D. Vol. I. [In progress.] Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1875.

DOD (John. Puritan. Died 1645). A Plaine and Familial Exposition of Proverbs, Chapters IX. to XVII. 4to. Lond., 1608-9. [The comment on Chapters XIII and XIV. appears to have been the work of Robert Cleaver. In our copy, containing Chapters XXVIII.—XXX., the names of both Dod and Cleaver are given, and the last chapter was "penned by a Godly and learned man, now with God."] Both Dod and Cleaver were popular as preachers, and their joint works were widely circulated. This book can rarely be met with entire.

FRENCH (W., D.D.) and (SKINNER, G., M.A.) A New Translation, with Explanatory Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1831. S.1/3. These translators endeavor to produce faithful renderings of the text, giving to each word the same sense in all places. They are calm, dispassionate, judicious, and able.

HODGSON (Bernard, LL.D.) The Proverbs of Solomon, with Notes. 4to. Oxf, 1788. 2/6. Darling says:—"A good translation; the notes are chiefly philological." We set no store by this mass of letter-press, and we question whether any one else does.

HOLDEN (George, M.A.) An attempt towards an improved Translation, with Notes, &c. 8vo. Liverpool, 1819. 4/6. Horne says of this work:—"It is one of the most valuable helps to the critical understanding of this book." It is certainly one of the best of Holden's productions. We may be wrong, but we could not conscientiously subscribe to Horne's opinion.

JACOX (Francis). Scripture Proverbs, illustrated, annotated, and applied. Thick cr. 8vo. 10/6. Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1874. S. 6/-This work illustrates many of the proverbs scattered throughout the Scriptures, and some of those collected by Solomon. Mr. Jacox seems to have read everything good and bad, and hence he pours forth a medley of fact and fiction more entertaining than edifying. He reminds us of the elder Disraeli and his "Curiosities of Literature."

JERMIN (Michael, D.D. Died 1659). Paraphractical Meditations upon the Book of Proverbs. Folio. 1638. 9/6. Very antique, and full of Latin quotations. Jermin does not err in excessive spirituality, but the reverse. Those who can put up with his style will be repaid by his quaint learning.

LANGE. (See No. 578.)

LAWSON (George, D.D. 1749-1820). Exposition of the Book of Proverbs 2 vols., 12mo. Edinb. 1821. 6/-to 7/-A thoroughly sound and useful commentary. Lawson wrote popularly and vigorously.

MILLER (John. Princeton, N.J.) A Commentary, with a New Translation, and with some of the Original Expositions Re-examined. Demy 8vo. 7[Dickinson & Higham. 1875. This author's interpretations are new, and in our judgment very far removed from accuracy. Certainly the old interpretations are better in many ways. His theory that the Proverbs are spiritual and not secular will not hold water. He needs reading with very great discrimination: if read at all "Too great innovation" is the author's own suspicion of his work, and we quite agree with him, only we go beyond mere suspicion.

MUFFET (Peter). A Commentary on the whole Book of Proverbs 8 vo. 1596. [Reprinted, with Cotton's Commentaries on Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon, in one of the volumes of Nichol's series. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1868.] Homely, but not very striking. Mr. Nichol's choice of commentators for reprinting was not a wise one.

NEWMAN (William., D.D. Formerly President of Stepney Theol. Institution). An improved version. 18mo. Lond., 1839. x/-Merely the corrected text. A very small affair.

NICHOLLS (Benjamin Elliott, M.A.) The Book of Proverbs, explained and illustrated from Holy Scripture. 12mo. Lond., Rivingtons. 1858. 1/3. Contains very sensible suggestions for the interpretation of proverbs, and gives instances of explanations by geography, natural history, &c. It is a somewhat helpful work.

NOYES. (See No. 579.)

STUART (MosEs). A Commentary on the Book of Proverbs 8 vo. New York, 1852. 4/-to 5/-We have not met with any English reprint of this useful volume. Dr. Stuart purposely adapted his work to beginners in Hebrew study. He has set himself to prepare a commentary of explanation only, believing that a hortatory and practical comment every minister ought to be able to make for himself Stuart's introductory matter is highly instructive, though no reader should blindly accept it all.

TAYLOR (Francis, B.D.) Observations upon the three first chapters of Proverbs 4 to. Lond., 1645. An Exposition [as above] upon The 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Chapters, &c. 410. 1657. 18/-to 25/-Two volumes (in one) of rich, old-fashioned Puritan divinity.

THOMAS (David, D.D.) The Practical Philosopher. Thick 8vo. 12/6 nett (published at 17/6). Lond., Dickinson. 1873. Dr. Thomas of the "Homilist" is a well-known writer, and a man capable of great things. This work does not equal his "Genius of the Gospel." It contains a large amount of practical comment, written in a rather grandiose style. We can hardly fancy men of business reading this book from day to day as the author proposes.

WARDLAW (Ralph, D.D.) Lectures. 3 vols., cr. 8vo. 3/6 each. Edinb., Fullarton. 1861. S. 6/6. Wardlaw is diffuse, and his views upon "wisdom" are peculiar; but he always repays the reader, and neither Bridges nor A mot have rendered him obsolete, for he works a different vein, and expounds in a manner— peculiar to himself.

WILCOCKS (Thomas, Puritan. 1549-1608). A Short yet Sound Commentarie. [Works. See No. 336] ... Wilcocks briefly sums up the teaching of the verses, and so aids in suggesting topics; in other respects he is rather wearying.

Ecclesiastes

Annotations on the Book of Ecclesiastes. [12mo.] Lond. Printed by J. Streater. 1669. By no means remarkable, except for extreme rarity.

BEZA (Theodore.). Ecclesiastes. Solomon's Sermon to the People, with an Exposition. Small 8vo. Cam&, [1594]. 7/6. Sure to be weighty and instructive. It is exceedingly rare.

BRIDGES (Charles, M.A.) Exposition of Ecclesiastes Sq8 vo. 6/-Lond., Seeley & Co. 1860. S. 3/-After the manner of other works by this devout author, who is always worth consulting, though he gives us nothing very new.

BROUGHTON (Hugh./1-1/2). A Comment upon Ecclesiastes, framed for the Instruction of Prince Henry. 4to. 1605. Broughton was a far-famed and rather pretentious Hebraist whom Dr. Gill quoted as an authority. His work is nearly obsolete, but its loss is not a severe one.

BUCHANAN (Robert, D.D.) Ecclesiastes; its Meaning and its Lessons, explained and illustrated. Sq. 8vo. 7/6. Loud., Glasg., & Edinb., Blackie & Sons. 1859. S. 3/6. Dr. Buchanan has endeavored in every instance to give the true meaning of the text. His explanations were composed for the pulpit and delivered there. The work is most important, but strikes us as lacking in liveliness of style.

CHOHELETH, or "The Royal Preacher, a Poem." First published in the year 1768. 4to. 3/-Reprinted, 8vo., 1830. 1/6. This is the work of which Mr. Wesley wrote:—"Monday, Feb. 8, 1768. I met with a surprising poem, intituled Choheleth, or the Preacher: it is a paraphrase in tolerable verse on the Book of Ecclesiastes. I really think the author of it (a Turkey merchant) understands both the difficult expressions and the connection of the whole, better than any other, either ancient or modern, writer whom I have seen." We defer to Mr. Wesley's opinion, but it would not have occurred to us to commend so warmly.

COLEMAN (John Noble, M.A.) Ecclesiastes. A New Trans-lation, with Notes. Imp. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1867. S. 2/6. A scholarly translation with important observations.

COTTON (John./1-1/2). A briefe exposition, with practical observations. Small 8vo. Loud., 1654. [Reprinted in Nichol's series of Commentaries. See Muffet, No. 596.] By a great linguist and sound divine. Ecclesiastes is not a book to be expounded verse by verse; but Cotton does it as well as anyone.

COX (Samuel). The Quest of the Chief Good: Expository Lectures. Sq. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Isbister. 1868. S. 3/6. We should find it hard to subscribe to Mr. Cox's views of Ecclesiastes, for, to begin

with, we cannot admit that its author was not Solomon, but some unnamed Rabbi: nevertheless, "The Quest of the Chief Good" is full of valuable matter, and abundantly repays perusal.

DALE (Thomas PELHAM, M.A.) Ecclesiastes. With a running Commentary and Paraphrase. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Rivingtons. 1873. This author makes all that he can out of the errors of the Septuagint, which he seems to value almost as much as the correct text itself. The new translation is a sort of stilted paraphrase, which in a remarkable manner darkens the meaning of the wise man's words. Mr. Dale says he is a man of one book, and we are glad to hear it: for we should be sorry for another book to suffer at his hands.

DESVOEUX (A. V.) A Philosophical and Critical Essay on Ecclesiastes 4 to. Lond., 1760. 2/6. A curious and elaborate production. Neither in criticism, nor in theology, is the author always sound, and his notes are a very ill-arranged mass of singular learning.

GINSBURG (Christian D.) Coheleth, or Ecclesiastes; trans-lated, with a Commentary. 8vo. Lond., Longmans. 1857. S. 12/-The author does not believe that Solomon wrote the book, and his view of its design is not the usual, nor, as we think, the right one. His outline of the literature of the book is very complete.

GRANGER (Thomas). A Familiar Exposition, wherein the World's Vanity and the true Felicitie are plainly deciphered. 4to. Lond., 1621. 5/-to 7/6. Very antique, containing many obsolete and coarse phrases; but pithy and quaint.

GREENAWAY (Stephen). New Translation. 8vo. Leicester, 1781. 3/6. Confused, eccentric, and happily very rare.

HAMILTON James, D.D. (1814-1867). Royal Preacher: Lectures on Ecclesiastes. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Also 12mo., 1851; 16mo., 1854. Lond., Nisbet. S. 1/6 to 2/6. We have had a great treat in reading this prose poem. It is a charming production.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W., D.D.) Commentary on Ecclesiastes. To which are appended: Treatises on the Song of Solomon; on the Book of Job; on the Prophet Isaiah, &c. 8vo. 9/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1860. S. 4/6. Scholarly of course, and also more vivacious than is usual with Hengstenberg.

HODGSON (Bernard, LL.D) New Translation. 4to. Oxf., 1791. 4/ Notes neither long, numerous, nor valuable.

HOLDEN (George, M.A.) An Attempt to illustrate the Book of Ecclesiastes 8 vo. Lond., 1822. 3/6. Bridges says that Holden "stands foremost for accuracy of critical exegesis," and Ginsburg considers his Commentary to be the best in our language. We may therefore be wrong in setting so little store by it as we do, but we are not convinced.

JERMIN (Michael, D.D.) Ecclesiastes. Folio. 1639. 6/6. The school to which Jermin belonged delighted to display their learning, of which they had no small share; they excelled in wise sayings, but not in unction. The fruit is ripe, but lacks flavour.

KEIL & DELITZSCH.(See Books of Solomon. No. 577.)

LANGE. (See Books of Solomon. No. 578.)

LLOYD (J., M.A.) An Analysis of Ecclesiastes: with reference to the Hebrew Grammar of Gesenius, and with Notes; to which is added the Book of Ecclesiastes, in Hebrew and English, in parallel columns. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Bagsters. 1874. This will be esteemed by men who have some knowledge of the Hebrew. The repeated references to Gesenius would render the book tedious to the ordinary reader, but they make it all the more valuable to one who aspires to be a Hebraist.

[LUTHER]. An Exposition of Salomon's Booke, called Eccle-siastes, or the Preacher. 8vo. Printed by J. Day. Lond., x 513. Even the British Museum authorities have been unable to find this octavo for us, though it is mentioned in their catalogue.

MACDONALD (James M., D.D. Princeton, IV. J.) Ecclesiastes. Thick 12mo. New York. 1856. S. 4/6. Thoroughly exegetical, with excellent "scopes of argument" following each division: to be purchased if it can be met with.

MORGAN (A. A.) Ecclesiastes metrically Paraphrased, with Illustrations. 4to. 2 i/-Lond., Bosworth. 1856. This is an article de luxe, and is rather for the drawing-room than for the study. A graphic pencil, first-class typography, and a carefully written metrical translation make up an elegant work of art.

MYLNE (G. W.) Ecclesiastes; or, Lessons for the Christian's Daily Walk. 16mo. Lond., 1859. 1/6. The author in this little publication does not comment upon the whole Book; but the passages he touches are ably explained.

NISBET (Alexander. Died about 1658). An Exposition, with Practical Observations. 4to. Edinb., 1694. 4/6 to 10/6. One of those solid works which learned Scotch divines of the seventeenth century have left us in considerable numbers. In our judgment it is as heavy as it is weighty.

NOYES. (See No. 579).

PEMBLE (William, M.A/1-/2). Salomon's Recanta-tion and Repentance; or, the Book of Ecclesiastes briefly and fully explained. Thin 4to. Lond., 1628. 3/6. Anthony a Wood calls Pemble "a famous preacher, a skillful linguist, a good orator, and an ornament to society." Moreover, he was a learned Calvinistic divine. This "Recantation" is a minor production. The style is scholastic, with arrangements of the subjects such as render it hard to read. We confess we are disappointed with it.

PRESTON (Theodore, M.A.) A translation of the Commentary of Mendelssohn from the Rabbinic Hebrew; also a newly-arranged English Version, 8vo. Lond., 1845. 5/-A book more prized by linguists than by preachers. We might with propriety have named this Mendelssohn's Commentary, for so it is.

PROBY (W. H. B., M.A.) Ecclesiastes for English Readers. Thin 8vo. 4/6. Lond., Rivingtons. 1874. S. 2/3. About 45 pages, and these are quite enough. What has come to a man's brain when he prophecies that Antichrist will take away the daily sacrifice, that is, "forbid the eucharistic bread and wine," and then adds: "To this awful time there is probably a mystical reference in the words of our present book (XII. 6), 'While the silver cord is not loosed, or the golden bowl broken, or the pitcher broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.' For silver and gold signify respectively, in the symbolic language of Scripture, love and truth: thus the loosening of the silver cord will mean the love of many waxing cold, and the breaking of the golden bowl will mean the

failure of truth from the earth; and we understand, then, that in the last awful time there will be no longer any speaking of the truth in love. And as the 'wells of salvation' in Isaiah XII. 3, are the sacraments and other means of grace, so the breaking of the pitcher and the wheel may signify the cessation of those ministries by which the sacraments and other means of grace are dispensed."

REYNOLDS (Edward, D.D. Bishop of Norwich, x/1-/2) Annotations. Works. Vol. IV. 8vo. Lond., 1826. Reprinted, by Dr. Washburn. 8vo. Lond., 1811. 2/6. See Westminster Assembly's Annotations (No. 2), for which Reynolds wrote this: he is always good.

Serranus, or, De Serres (John. 1540-1598). A Godlie and Learned Commentary upon Ecclesiastes, newly turned into English, by John Stockwood, Schoolmaster of Tunbridge. 8vo. Lond., 1585. 7/6. Serranus was a Protestant pastor at Nismes, of such moderate opinions, and such objectionable modes of stating them, that he was about equally abhorred by Romanists and Protestants. He is said to have been very inaccurate in his learning.

STUART (Moses). A Commentary on Ecclesiastes 12 mo. 6/-New York., 1851. S. 3/-Full and minute, with most instructive introductions. It is unnecessary to say that Moses Stuart is a great authority, though not all we could wish as to spirituality.

TYLER (Thomas, M.A.) Ecclesiastes; a Contribution to its Interpretation. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Williams & Norgate. 1875. This writer is no doubt a profound thinker, but we do not set much store by the result of his thinkings. He maintains that the writer of Ecclesiastes was a Jew who had. traveled abroad, and heard the Stoic philosophers and their opponents at Athens. He seems to think that his point is proved, but it is the merest surmise possible. The work is not at all to our taste.

WARDLAW (Ralph, D.D.) Lectures on Ecclesiastes 2 vols.,8vo. 1821. 2vols., 12mo. 1838. Oliphant & Co.'s edition, in 1 vol., 8/6. 1871. S. 4/6. Wardlaw is always good, though not very brilliant. He may be relied upon, when not critical, and he generally excites thought.

WEISS (Benjamin). New Translation and Exposition, with Critical Notes. 12mo. 4/-Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1856. S. 1/6. It is pleasing to find a converted Jew engaged upon this Book. Mr. Weiss says many good things, but frequently his interpretations and remarks are more singular than wise.

YCARD (Fr. Dean of Achonry). Paraphrase. 8vo. Lond., 1701. 1/6. The dean supposes the Royal Preacher to have been interrupted by an impudent sensualist, and so he gets rid of the difficulty of certain passages by putting them into the scoffer's mouth. The theory is not to be tolerated for a moment.

YOUNG (Loyal, D.D.) Commentary, with introductory Notices by McGill and Jacobus. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1865. This American comment is high& spoken of by eminent judges. and appears to have been carefully executed. It is able and solid, and at the same time enlivened with originality of thought, vivacity of,expression, and practical pungency.

SMITH (John, M.D., M.R.C.P.L.) King Solomon's Portraiture of Old Age, wherein is contained A Sacred Anatomy both of Soul and Body, with an account of all these Mystical and Ænigmatical Symptomes, expressed in the six former verses of the 12th Chap. of Ecclesiastes, made plain and easie to a mean Capacitie. 8vo. Lond., 1666. 2/6 to 5/-

A curious book by a Physician, who brings his anatomical knowledge to bear upon the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, and tries to show that Solomon understood the circulation of the blood, &c. Matthew Poole introduced the substance of this treatise into his Synopsis, and in that huge compilation he speaks eulogistically of the author, with whom he resided. We mention it because of its singularity.

Song of Solomon

AINSWORTH. (See under-Pentateuch, No. 72).

AVRILLON (John Baptist Elias./1-/2). The Year of Affections; or, Sentiments on the love of God, drawn from the Canticles, for every day of the year. Fcap. 8vo. 6/6. Lond. and Oxf, Parker & Co. 1847. S. 4/-One of the series of Romish authors, issued by Dr. Pusey. It is a deeply spiritual work, after the manner of the mystics. It might have been written by Madame Guyon. Despite its occasional Popery and sacramentarianism, it contains much choice devotional matter.

BEZA (Theodore). Sermons upon the three first chapters of Canticles, translated out of the French, by' John Harmar. 4to. Oxf., 1587. These thirty-one sermons are a well of instruction, very precious and refreshing. The unabbreviated title indicates a controversial use of the Song, and we were therefore prepared to lament the invasion of the dove's nest of the Canticles by the eagle of debate; but we were agreeably disappointed, for we found much less of argument, and much more of the Well-Beloved, than we looked for.

BEVERLEY (T.) An Exposition of the Divinely prophetick Song of Songs, which is Solomon's; beginning with the reign of David, and ending in the glorious Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4to. 1687. 5/ This maundering author finds in Canticles the history of the church from David to our Lord, and rhymes no end of rubbish thereon. Truly there is no end to the foolishness of expositors. We suppose there must be a public for which they cater, and a very foolish public it must be.

BRIGHTMAN (Thomas). A Commentary on the Canticles, wherein the Text is Analised, the Native Signification of the Words Declared, the Allegories Explained, and the Order of Times whereunto they relate Observed. 4to. Lond., 1644. [See under Daniel and Revelation.] Brightman was a writer of high renown among the prophetic students of the seventeenth century. With singular strength of the visionary faculties he sees in the Canticles "the whole condition of the church from the time of David, till time shall be no more." Expounding on this theory needs an acrobatic imagination.

BURROWES (George. Pro/. Lafayette Coll. U.S.) Commentary. Cr. 8va. Philadelphia, 1853. 3/6. Mr. Moody Stuart says '—"The excellent work of Dr. Burrowes is specially fitted to remove the prejudices of men of taste against the Song of Solomon, as the medium of spiritual communion between the soul and Christ. We welcome it as a valuable contribution to us from our transatlantic brethren."

BUSH (Joseph, M.A.) The Canticles of.the Song of Solomon. A Metrical Paraphrase, with Explanatory Notes and Practical Comments. Post 8va. Lond., Hatchards. 1867. S. 1/6. A good compilation, with a helpful translation. For popular use.

CLAPHAM (Enoch). Salomon; his Songs expounded. 4to. Lond., ,603. Clapham was a voluminous author of very remarkable attainments. He wrote also on the first fourteen chapters of Genesis. This work is rare as angels' visits.

COLLINGES (John, D.D./1-/2). The Intercourses of Divine Love betwixt Christ and his Church, metaphorically expressed by Solomon in Canticles I. and II. 2 vols., 4to. Lond., 1676. 10/-to 14/-Nine hundred and nine quarto pages upon one chapter is more than enough. The materials are gathered from many sources and make up a mass of wealth. On the second chapter there are five hundred and thirty, pages. It would try the constitutions of many modern divines to read what these Puritans found it a pleasure to write. When shall we see their like?

COTTON (John, B.D./1-/2). A Brief Exposition, describing the estate of the Church in all ages thereof, both Jewish and Christian, and modestly pointing at the gloriousness of the restored estate thereof. 8va. Lond., 164a. [Reprinted in Nichol's Series. See Muffet, No. 596.] Cotton explains the sacred love-song historically, and misses much of its sweetness by so doing. We should never care to read his exposition while Durham, and Gill, and Moody Stuart are to be had.

DAVIDSON (William, ESQ.) A Brief outline of an Examina-tion of the Song of Solomon 8 va. Lond., 1817.:2/-to 3/6. A precious work by one whose heart is warm with the good matter. He sees in the Song the history of the Church of Christ.

DOVE (John, D.D.) The Conversion of Solomon, a Direction to holiness of Life; handled by way of Commentarie upon the whole Booke of Canticles. Profitable for young men which are not yet mortified, for old men which are decrepit and have one foote in the grave, and for all sorts of men which have an intent to renounce the vanities of this world, and to follow Jesus Christ. 4to. Lond., 1613. 6/-to 8/-A quaint old work. The student will do better with the modems. Moreover, this Dove is rare, and seldom lights on poor men's shelves.

DURHAM (James. 1622-1658). Clavis Cantici; or, an Exposition of the Song of Solomon 4 to. Lond., 1668 and 1723. Also 12mo., Aberdeen. 1840. 2/6 to 6/-Durham is always good, and he is at his best upon the Canticles. He gives us the essence of the good matter. For practical use this work is perhaps more valuable than any other Key to the Song.

FENNER (Dudley). The Song of Solomon, in Verse, with an Exposition. Middleburgh. 8vo. 1587. 4to. Moody Stuart says:—"This is a faithful and excellent translation, accompanied by an admirable exposition. There is no poetry in it, but the renderings are often good, and the comment valuable." We have not met with it.

FLEMING (Robert. Died 1716). The Mirror of Divine Love unvail'd, in a Poetical Paraphrase of the Song of Solomon. Sm. 8vo. 1691. 3/6. The poetry is after the same manner as that of Quarles, and though not without merit, it is too antiquated to be admired in the present day. This is the Fleming who interpreted the Apocalyptic vials, and was fortunate enough to hit upon the date of the French revolution and other events connected with the decline of the Papal power. His prophetic work has been reprinted, but not this limping poetry.

FRANCIS (ANN. Died 1800). A Poetical Translation; with Note% Historical, Critical, and Explanatory. 4to. Lond., 1781. 1/5 to 2/6. Framed on a fanciful theory. Verses flowing and feeble. Insignificant.

FRY (John, A.B.) New Translation, with Notes, and an attempt to interpret the sacred allegories. 8vo. Lond., 1811. 2/-to 3/-Fry's work may be called the supplement and complement of Dr. Goods. He divides the Songs into idyls, and gives notes in the same manner as Goad; but he also plunges

into the spiritual meaning of the blessed Song, and so far is to be preferred,

GIFFORD (MR.) A Dissertation on the Song of Solomon 8 vo. Lond., 1751. Worthless rhymes. This man dares to say that the Song is a pastoral, composed by Solomon for the amusement of his lighter hours, before God had given him the divine wisdom for which he was afterwards so eminent.

GILL (John, D.D.) An Exposition of the Book of Solomon's Song. Folio. Lond., 1728. 5/-Not contained in the author's Exposition of the Old and New Testament. An 8vo. edition was published by Coilingridge, Lond., 1854. S. 3/6. The best thin6 Gill ever did. He could not exhaust his theme, but he went as far as he could towards so doing. He is occasionally fanciful, but his work is precious. Those who despise it have never read it, or are incapable of elevated spiritual feelings.

GINSBURG (CHRISTIAN D.) A Translation, with a Commentary, Historical and Critical. 8vo. 10/-/.and., Longmans. 1857. 5/ to 6/-Written upon an untenable theory, viz., that the Song is intended "to record an example of virtue in a young woman, who encountered and conquered the greatest temptations, and was eventually rewarded." This grovelling interpretation needed the aid of great liberties with the text, and a few interpolations, and the author has not hesitated to use them. However learned the book may be, this vicious theory neutralizes all

GOOD (John MASON, M.D., F.R.S.) Song of Songs; or, Sacred Idyls translated; with Notes, Critical and Explanatory. 8vo. Lond., 1803. 4/-By a man of great learning. It is not at all spiritual, or even expository, in the theological sense, but treats the Canticles as an Oriental drama, explaining its scenery and metaphors from a literary point of view.

GREEN (William, M.A.) Song of Solomon. In "The Poetical Parts of the Old Testament translated, with Notes." 4to. 1781. Critical only. Orme says, "the translations are in general very accurate and elegant specimens of biblical interpretation."

GUILD (William, D.D. 1586t—1657). Love's Intercourse between the Lamb and his Bride. 8vo. Lond., 1658. 5/-to 7/-A rare old work: but we prefer Durham. The author was one of the better sort of the Scotch Episcopalians.

GYFFARD (George.). Fifteen Sermons upon the Song of Solomon 8 vo. 1598 to 1612. We have several times met with this writer's name coupled with that of Brightman as in his day regarded as a very learned writer, but we cannot procure his work. Possibly some reader of this Catalogue may yet present us with it. We beg to assure him of the gratitude which we already feel, in the form of "a lively sense of favors to come."

HARMER (Thomas./1-/2). Outlines of a New Com-mentary on Solomon's Song, drawn by the help of instructions from the East. 8vo. Lond., 1768. 2/6 to 2/6. "This book is not well arranged, but is otherwise one of the most ingenious, modest, and interesting of all the treatises on the outward sense of the Song."—Moody Stuart.

HENGSTENBERG. (See under Ecclesiastes, No. 620.)

HODGSON (Bernard, LL.D.) 80lomon's Song translated from the Hebrews 4 to. Oxf., 1786. 2/6. Moody Stuart says that this is "a good translation," and therefore we suppose it is so, but we do not admire it. It does not even refer to the mystical sense, and it mars the poetry of the Song. Dr.

Hodgson renders ch. vi. ver. 9:—" My pigeon, my undefiled is but one." This is an alteration, but certainly not an emendation. The name of the bride's mother he discovers to have been Talmadni. Wonderful!

HOMES (Nathaniel. Died 1678). A Commentary on the Canticles. Works. Folio. 1652. 6/-to 10/-This goes to the very marrow of spiritual teaching, and uses every word and syllable in a deeply experimental manner with great unction and power. It is, however, spiritualizes too much, and is both too luscious in expression and too prolix for these degenerate days.

HOUGHTON (WM.) Translation. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Trubner. 1865. Useless. The Song is viewed as a secular poem on chaste love.

IBN EZRA (Abraham). Commentary on the Canticles, after the first recension. Edited from two MSS., with a Translation, by 1-I. J. Matthews, B.A. 12mo. Lond., Trubner & Co. 1874. The original Hebrew of the Song, with a Jewish comment, which conveys but little instruction. In this small book the student will have a specimen of Jewish exposition.

IRONS (Joseph, of Camberwell. 1786-1852). Nymphas. A Paraphrastic Exposition. 16mo. Lond., 1844. S. x/6. Outside of his own circle we fear that this work by the late Joseph Irons is little known. It is a paraphrase in blank verse, rendered in a very spiritual manner. We confess that we look upon the little book with admiring eyes, though we know that the critics will sneer both at us and it.

KEIL & DELITZSCH. (See Books of Solomon, No. 577.)

KRUMMACHER (F. W., D.D.) Solomon and the Shulamite. Sermons on the Book of Canticles. 16mo. Lond., 1838. S. x/-Touches only upon a few portions. Short and sweet.

LANGE. (See Books of Solomon, No. 578.)

LITTLEDALE (R. F.) A Commentary. From Ancient and Mediaeval Sources. 12mo. 7/-Lond., J. Masters. 1869. S. 4/6. Littledale is a close follower of John Mason Neale, and here reproduces the beauties and the deformities of mediaeval spiritualizing. Great judgment will be needed to extract the good and true from the mass of semi-popish comment here heaped together. If discretion be used, jewels of silver and jewels of gold may be extracted.

MACPHERSON (Peter, A.M.) The Song of Songs shown to be constructed on Architectural Principles. Post 8vo. Edinb., 1856. 4/-" His supposition that this song consists of verses written round an archway, is so entirely gratuitous, that it is only misguiding and deceptive." —A. MOody Stuart.

METRICAL MEDITATIONS on the Canticles. [Anon.] 16mo. Lond., Wertheim. 1856. S. 1/-Exceedingly well rendered: noteworthy both from a literary and religious point of view. The author seizes the meaning" of the Song, and repeats it in well-chosen words.

MILLER (Andrew). Meditations. 12mo. 1/6. Lond., Morrish. First published in the Plymouthite magazine, "Things New and Old." Devotional, and glowing with the light of fellowship with Jesus.

MOORE (Daniel, M.A.) Christ and his Church. A Course of Lent Lectures on the Song of Solomon. Sm. cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., H. S. King & Co. 1875. These lectures treat upon the first chapter only, but

they do so in an admirable manner. Moore has evangelized Littledale.

[NEALE (John Mason, D.D.)] Sermons on-the Canticles, preached in a Religious House. By a Priest of the Church of England. 12mo. Lond., Masters. 1857. S. 2/6. By that highest of high churchmen, Dr. Neale. These sermons smell of Popery, yet the savor of our Lord's good ointment cannot be hid. Our Protestantism is not of so questionable a character that we are afraid to do justice to Papists and Anglicans, and therefore we do not hesitate to say that many a devout thought has come to us while reading these "sermons by a Priest of the Church of England."

NEWTON (Adelaide L.) The Song of Solomon compared with other parts of Scripture. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Nisbet. 187x. [The earlier editions were published anonymously.] Miss Newton's book is very dear to spiritual minds; it is full of that quiet power which comes from the Spirit of God through deep experience and precious fellowship with the Well-Beloved.

NOYES. (See No. 579.) This author sees in the Canticles nothing but a collection of amatory songs, written without express moral or religious design. Blind!

PERCY (Thomas, D.D. Bishop of Dromore. 1729-1811). New Translation: with a Commentary and Annotations. [Anon.] 8vo. Lond, 1764. 6/-His theory of the sacred Song is dead, and not worthy of a monument in our pages. We trust that not a relic will remain. Percy did very well with his ballads, but he had better have let the Song of Songs alone.

POWER (Philip Bennet, M.A.) Failure and Discipline: Thoughts on Canticles V. 16mo. 1/6 £and., Wertheim. Upon the fifth chapter only. Mr. Power always writes attractively. His book is "linked sweetness," but not "long drawn out."

REFLECTIONS ON CANTICLES; or, the Song of Solomon, with Illustrations from Modern Travellers and Naturalists. [Anon.] 12mo. Lond., S. W. Partridge & Co. 1870. S. 1/3. Has much sweetness, and a fair measure of freshness.

ROBOTHAM (John). Exposition. 4to. Lond., 1652. 6/-to 8/-Very solid; but not to be compared with Durham, No. 657. It is just a little dull and commonplace.

ROMAINE (William, M.A.) Discourses upon Solomon's Song of Solomon 8 vo. Lond., 1789. 2/6. Twelve excellent sermons from verses taken out of the Song. They do not summarize the book, nor form a commentary, but are simply a selection of spiritual discourses by one of the most eminent Calvinistic divines of the last century.

SIBBES (Richard, D.D. 1577—1635). Bowels Opened; or, a Discovery of the Neere and Deere Love, Union and Communion betwixt Christ and the Church. Sermons on Canticles IV., V., and VI. 4to. 1639, &c. 6/-to 9/-[Works If. Nichol's edition.] Sibbes never writes ill. His repute is such that we need not mention him. His title is most unfortunate, but in all else his "discovery" is worthy of our commendation.

SKINNER (John. Bishop of Aberdeen./1-/2). Essay towards a literal or true radical Exposition. Works II. 2 vols., 8vo. Aberdeen, 1809. 4/ Not very important. The Bishop doses his exposition with the following prayer for those who do not believe in the mystical sense:—"God forgive the fools and open, their eyes." Pretty strong for a Bishop!

STUART (A. Moody, M.A.) Exposition, with Critical Notes. 8vo. 12/-Lond., Nisbet 1860. S. 6/-Although this admirable author expounds the Song upon a theory which we do not quite endorse, we do not know where to find a book of equal value in all respects. He has poetry in his soul, and, beyond that, a heart like that of Rutherford, fired with love to the.4, together Lovely One. We thank him for this noble volume.

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST; or, Explanatory Notes on the Song of Solomon. [Anon.] 18mo. Lond., Seeleys. 1861. S. 6d. A little book for general use; not for students.

THE THREEFOLD MYSTERY: Hints on the Song of Songs, viewed as a Prophecy of the Double United Church of Jew and Gentile. By the author of "The Gathered Lily." 12mo. 3/6. Lond., Partridge & Co. 1869. It seems to us to be a wild fancy that all ecclesiastical history is condensed into the Canticles; hence we do not value this book.

THRUPP (John Francis). New Translation, with Commentary. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Macmillan. 1862. We are highly pleased with this work. It defends the usual Christian interpretation by the conclusions of sober criticism, and shows that the spiritual sense is confirmed by the investigations of modern scholarship. In the introduction the author deals heavy blows at the sceptical school, and at those who, like Ginsburg, content themselves with imputing a merely moral meaning to the blessed Cantic of love.

WEISS (Benjamin). The Song of Songs unveiled: a New Translation and Exposition. Cr. 8vo. W. Oliphant & Co. 1859. S. 1/6 to 2/6. This author believes that the Song sets forth the history of Israel and her relation to the Covenant Angel from Horeb to Calvary. Beyond a few Eastern illustrations, nothing of value is contributed to existing materials. The work is thoroughly evangelical.

WILCOCKS (Thomas). Exposition. Works. Folio. 1624, 12/-Short, and somewhat in the manner of a paraphrase. This venerable author gives a doctrinal summary of each verse, and from this we have frequently been directed to a subject of discourse.

WilliamS (Thomas). A New Translation, with a Commentary and Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1801. Second edition, 1828. S. 2/-This volume is little known, but its value is above the average of Canticles literature. We have read many of the remarks with pleasure, but most of them are to be found in the standard commentaries.

WOODFORD (Samuel, D.D.) Paraphrase in Verse. 8vo. 1679. 1/6 to 3/ Better than many poetical paraphrases, but still below the mark of true poetry.

WRIGHT (M.) The Beauty of the Word in the Song of Solomon. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Nisbet & Co. 1872. A purely spiritual commentary, casting no light, upon the text, but drawing much from it. More devotional than expository. The figures of the allegory are pressed as far as they should be, perhaps further.

Works on Prophecy

[Volumes upon this subject are so extremely numerous and so varied in their opinions that we confine ourselves to the few which follow. The reader is also referred to works upon the Apocalypse.]

DAVISON (John, B.D. 1777-1834). Discourses on Prophecy; its Structure, Use, and Inspiration. [Warbur-tonian Lectures.] 8vo. Oxf, 1845. S. 5/6. Elliott calls this "Davison's noble Work on Prophecy." This is one of the Warburtonian lectures, and we would here note that those lectures are all upon prophecy, and are many of them by first-class men, and therefore worthy of study. Of course they greatly vary in value according, to the ability of the lecturers.

FABER (George Stanley, B.D. 1773-1854). Calendar of Prophecy, or a Dissertation on the Prophecies which treat of the Seven Times, and especially of the latter Three Times and a Half. 3 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1828. 7/6. 12mo. editions, 3/6. Faber is one of the great rabbis of prophecy. He was a man of almost boundless learning and industry. His characteristics are said to have been "strong masculine sense, extensive classical erudition, and a hearty love of hypothesis." This last quality, no doubt, led him to expound prophecy, and also disqualified him for doing it well.

FAIRBAIRN (Patrick, D.D.) Prophecy: its Distinctive Nature, Special Functions, and Proper Interpretation. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1856. S. 5/6. A standard work by one who is at/wine with the subject.

FLEMING (Robert./1-/2). The Fulfilling of the Scripture. Fifth edition. Folio. Lond., 1726, 5/6; 2 vols., 8vo., 1801, 3/6; 2 vols., 12mo., 1845, 3/- This we mention because it is generally placed under this head, but it is not an exposition of prophecy at all. It is an elaborate treatise upon the fact that the Scriptures are fulfilled, and the word of the Lord is true. As such it deserves the high encomiums so freely showered upon it by the eminent divines of Fleming's own time, and it abundantly justifies the issue of so many editions.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W.) The Messianic Prophecies of Isaiah and the other Prophets. These remarks are contained in Hengstenberg's Christology, which is a standard work on the subject. (See No. 67.)

KEITH (Alexander, D.D.) Evidence of the Truth of the Christian Religion, derived from the literal Fulfilment of Prophecy; as illustrated by the History of the Jews, and by the Discoveries of recent Travellers. Thirty-sixth edition. Thick 8vo. 1848. S. 4/- to 6/- Horne says. "The multiplied editions which have been required within a very few years sufficiently attest the high estimation in which Mr. Keith's work is deservedly held;" and we may add that the improvements and additions have increased its value, and that fresh editions have shown that it is still appreciated.

NEWTON (Thomas, D.D., Bp. of Bristol. 1704-1780). Dissertations on the Prophecies which have been fulfilled, and are fulfilling. Numerous editions. 2 and 3 vols., 8vo. Also, 1 vol., 8vo., 7/6. Lond., W. Tegg. A standard work of a laborious and learned author; rather laborious reading. The Bishop must not be trusted upon the New Testament prophecy. Theologically his standing is very dubious.

The Prophets

KITTO (John, D.D.) "Isaiah and the Prophets." In Daily Bible Illustrations. (See No. 4 I). Should be consulted wherever the readings touch upon a passage.

LOWTH (Bishop) and others. A Literal Translation of the Prophets from Isaiah to Malachi, with Notes by Lowth, Blayney, Newcome, &c. 5 vols. 8vo. Lond., 1836. 10/- to 15/. Concerning each of the five volumes we refer the reader to our notices under the separate books.

LOWTH (William, B.D.,/1-/2, Father of Bp. Lowth). Commentary on the Prophets. 4 vols. 4to. Lond., 1714. This is Lowth's part of Patrick (2Va. 50). He was more spiritual than those with whom he became associated, which is not saying much.

NOYES (George R., D.D.). A New Translation of the Hebrew Prophets. 3 vols., 12mo. New York, 1849. We are bound to commend this author's learning, taste, and candour, even though we differ widely from him. The reader must: not look for savor or spiritual quickening, but use the work as a literary help only.

WilliamS (ROWLAND, D.D.) The Hebrew Prophets during the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires. Translated afresh from the Original, with Illustrations. 2 vols., 8vo. 22/6. Lond., Williams & Norgate./1-/2. The author does not admit that there are references to the Messiah in the Prophets Whatever he may have written, this fatal error deprives it of value. A man writing in that fashion should have been a rabbi in the synagogue, and not a minister among professed Christians.

Isaiah

ALEXANDER (Joseph ADDISON). Prophecies of Isaiah, earlier and later. T. Clark. 2 vols. 17/-1874. S. 12/-Dr. Hodge says of the author: "I regard Dr. Joseph Addison Alexander as incomparably the greatest man I ever knew—as incomparably the greatest man our Church has ever produced." He wastes no space, but gives the essence of exposition.

ALEXANDER (Joseph ADDISON). Isaiah Translated and Explained. An Abridgment of the preceding. 2 vols. 12mo. New York, 1858. S. 6/-This abridgment of the larger work is by no means a small affair. For all ordinary purposes it is voluminous enough. We cannot too strongly recommend it

BARNES (Albert). Notes on Isaiah. Edited by Dr. Cumming. 3 vols. Sm. 8vo. 7/6. Routledge, 1850. Cobbin's Edition, 2 vols., 1852. S. 4/6. A good popular exposition, though not the most learned.

BIRKS (T. R., M.A.) Commentary on Isaiah, and a revised Trans-lation. 8vo. 12/-Lond., Rivingtons. 1871. S. 6/-Written for the Speaker's Commentary, and, though not inserted therein, it strikes us as being far superior to that work. It is a great treasure to the student of this much neglected prophet.

CALVIN (John). Commentarie on Isaiah. Translated by C. Cotton. Folio. Lond., 1609. 9/-' The translation of the Calvin Translation Society will be: better.

CHEYNE (T. K., M.A.) The Book of Isaiah chronologically arranged. An Amended Version. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Macmillan & Co. 1870. 'We do not as a rule believe in these re-arrangements; the book of Isaiah is best as we have it. The tone of the interpretation in this instance is not such as we can delight in; what the evangelical teacher has a right to expect is totally absent. The work is of the Broad School; the notes are, however, learned and somewhat suggestive.

"Notes and Criticisms on the Hebrew Text of Isaiah. Cr. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Macmillan & Co. The Westminster Review speaks of it as "a piece of scholarly work, very carefully and considerably done." It may be so.

COWLES (Henry, D.D.) Isaiah, with Notes. zmo. New York, D. Appleton & Co. 1869. S. 6/6. Cowles writes more popularly than Alexander, and, though he is not so profound an authority, we have read him with pleasure.

DAY (William). An Exposition of the Book of Isaiah. Folio. 1654. 12/6to 14/-Day does not throw much light upon the text: he says he wrote for his children, and certainly he is childish enough.

DELITZSCH (Franz.) Biblical Commentary on Isaiah 2 vols. 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1862. "The author has long been honorably distinguished among the scholars of Germany. He occupies, indeed, a position always peculiar to himself; for, whilst his attainments in Hebrew philology and Talmu-diced lore are of the highest order, he unites with these a genuine appreciation of evangelical truth and godliness." So says the Literary Churchman. For our own part, we are not enraptured with Delitzsch.

EWALD (H.) The Prophet Isaiah. Chapters I.—XXXIII. From the German. By Octavius Glover. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Bell & Sons. 1869.]Decidedly sceptical; but yet it may be useful as leading the reader to appreciate the poetic beauty of the book. Question if the good to be gained equals the risk incurred. Our verdict is to the contrary.

FRASER (Alexander). Paraphrase with Notes. 8vo. Edinb., 1800 2/-Of very small value.

GALLOWAY (William Brown, M.A.) Isaiah's Testimony for Jesus. A Series of Discourses. 8vo. 14/-Zorn/., G. Bell & Sons. 1864. S. 2/-to 4/-A congregation which would listen to such lectures as these must be a very select one indeed. The writer goes most thoroughly and learnedly into his subject.

HENDERSON (Ebenezer, D.D.) Isaiah, translated from the Hebrew; with a Commentary. 8vo. 1840. Second and best edition. 1857. S. 8/6. Scarce (pub. at 16/-). The author has given no doctrinal or practical observations, as he conceived that others had furnished these in abundance; he has confined himself to eliciting the real meaning of the words, and has thereby rendered great service to all expositors who have wit enough to make use of his critical assistance. To the less instructed reader, Dr. Henderson's work will appear to be dull and savorless; but to those who only need to have the language translated, and are able to supply reflections for themselves, it will be of much service.

GOVETT (R. Junior, M.A.) Isaiah Unfulfilled. Exposition, with new Version and Critical Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1841 S. 5/-Scholarly and conscientious. The prophecy is interpreted literally.

JENOUR (Alfred, M.A.). The Book of Isaiah, translated, with Notes and Practical Remarks. 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1830. 3/-This appears to us to be a faithful translation; the commentary and practical reflections are instructive and gracious.

KEITH (Alexander, A.M.). Isaiah as it is; or, Judah and Jerusalem the subjects of Isaiah's prophesying. Cr. 8vo. Edinb., 1850. 3/-The student will consult with benefit this valuable contribution to the explanation of a most important, but neglected book.

KELLY (William). Lectures on Isaiah 2/6. Lond., G. Morrish. 1871. This eminent divine of the Brethren school sometimes expounds ably, but with a twist towards the peculiar dogmas of his party.

LOWTH (Robert, D.D., F.R.S., Bp. of London. 1710—:787). *Isaiah, Translation with Notes*. 8vo. Numerous editions, S. 2/-; a modern one, 8vo., 4/6. Lond., W. Tegg. See 2No. 711. Smith's Dictionary remarks that Bp. Lowth's incessant correction of the Hebrew text is constantly to be mistrusted. This seriously diminishes Lowth's value, but this is a grand work notwithstanding.

LYTH (John, D.D.) *Homiletical Treasury*. 12mo. I Lond., Elliot Stock. 1868. This should have been to the preacher a book of the utmost value, for it consists wholly of outlines and hints for sermons, but these are frequently poor and commonplace. The design is superlatively practical, and had the execution been better we should have rejoiced in it.

MACCULLOCH (Robert, D.D.) *Lectures on Isaiah* 4 vols. 8vo. Lond./1-/2. 12/-to iS/-In these days we need condensation. This author would have been, far more valued if he had compressed his matter into one, volume. He is good, but verbose. Some authors toil not, but they spin; Macculloch both toils and spins.

MACLACHLAN (MRS., of Maclachlan). *Notes on the unfulfilled Prophecies of Isaiah*. [Anon.] 8vo. 8/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1868. This authoress treats Isaiah as a Jewish book only, and refers all the prophecies to that nation. We do not agree with her fundamental principle.

MANCHESTER (George MONTAGUE, DUKE OF). *Short Notes on Isaiah, chap. V.—XII*. 8vo. 1852. 2/-We confess that we cannot enjoy the very singular style of the Duke's prelections, but there are some who set great store by them. We wonder why.

NOYES (G. R.) See No. 713.

STOCK (Joseph, M.A., Bishop of Killalla). *Isaiah in Hebrew and English With Notes*. 4to. 1803. 4/' The notes are few, but are said by the British Critic to be "uncommonly valuable for their depth and acuteness." We should not have thought so. Stock alters the renderings of Lowth, but seldom improves them. We judge him to be over estimated.

SMITH (R. Payne, D.D., Dean of Canterbury). *The Authenticity and Messianic Interpretation of the Prophecies of Isaiah Vindicated, in Sermons before the University of Oxford*. 8vo. 10/6. Oxf. and Lond., J. H. & J. Parker., 862. S. 5/6 A work which would be invaluable in a discussion with Jews. It meets their objections, and also those advanced by neologians, and by the writers of *Essays and Reviews*.

VERNEY (LADY). *Practical Thoughts on the First Forty Chapters of Isaiah* 8 vo. Lond., Nisbet. 1858. S. 2/6. Some sensible spiritual hints will be found in these remarks. As an exposition it is one of the least.

WHISH (J. C., M.A.) *A Paraphrase of the Book of Isaiah, with Notes*. 12mo. 3/6. Lond., Seeley & Co. 1862. S. 1/3. Somewhat helpful. The paraphrasing is not prolix, and it does, as a rule, aid the reader in getting at the literal sense. With the spiritual teaching Mr. Whish has not intermeddled.

WHITE (Samuel. L, M.A.) *Commentary on Isaiah, wherein the literal sense is briefly explained*. 4to. Zond., 1709. 2/6. This author keeps to the literal sense and is very severe upon spiritualizers, of whose vagaries he gives specimens. In aiming at one excellence he misses others, and fails to see Christ where he certainly is, thus rendering his remarks less valuable to the Christian mind.

Parts Of Isaiah

[There are many works upon separate chapters of this book, but it does not fall in with our plan to go so much into detail as to enumerate them all. We thought it would be useful to our readers if we mentioned a few.]

MACDUFF (J. R., D.D.) "Comfort ye, Comfort ye:" God's words of comfort addressed to his Church in the last twenty-seven chapters of Isaiah. Cr. 8va. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1872. .Dr. Macduff translates into popular language the teachings of great expositors, and does it to perfection. For an hour's pleasant and holy reading commend us to Dr. Macduff.

CALVERT (Thomas). Mel Coeli, Medulla Evangelii; or, The Prophet Isaiah's Crucifix. An Exposition of the Fifty-third Chapter of Isaiah. 4to. 1867. 5/-to 7/6. Precious and practical. Just what the title would lead us to expect— marrow and fatness; hanev fram the Rack, Christ Jesus.

DURHAM (James). Christ Crucified; or, the Marrow of the Gospel, holden forth in Seventy-two Sermons on Isaiah liii. Editions, folio, 4to., and 8va. 3/-to 5/-: This is marrow indeed. We need say no more: Durham is a prince among spiritual expositors.

MACDONOGH (T. M.) Messiah as revealed in Is. liii. Founded upon Manton (748). 12mo. Lond., 1858. 1/6. This is a serving up of the next work in the form of lectures. We do not admire abridgments, and especially those which make alterations and additions; still it is likely that many have read Macdonogh's Manton who might never have fallen in with Manton's Manton.

MANTON (Thomas, D.D.) A Practical Exposition on the whole Fifty-third Chapter of Isaiah 8 va. Lond., 1703. Also in Works, Vol. III. Nichol's Puritan Series. Manton needs no praise fram us. Whatever he does is dane in a style worthy of a chief among theologians. He is, however, seldom too brief, and his own bulk hinders his being read. Preachers of long sermons should take a hint fram this.

MARGOLIOUTH (Moses, B.A.) Six Lectures on Isaiah liii, &c. 8va. Lond., Hatchards. 1846. 2/-Well worth a careful reading.

STEWART (James Haldane, M.A.) Lectures upon Isaiah Leviticus 12 mo. Lond., Hatchards. 1846. 1/6. Nine sweet evangelical discourses, in a lively, impressive style.

Jeremiah and Lamentations

[We would call special attention to the volume of the Speaker's Commentary upon this Book. It is by Dr. Payne Smith, Dean of Canterbury, and deserves much praise.]

BLAYNEY (Benjamin, D.D. Died 1801). Jeremiah and Lamentations. New Translation, with Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1836. 2/6. (See No. 711.) Blayney belonged to a past school of clever men, too apt to suggest new readings, and more able to appreciate literary beauties than spiritual teachings. He was a zealous follower of Lowth, but he lacked the fine taste and poetic genius of his master.

HENDERSON (E., D.D.) Jeremiah and Lamentations. 8vo. Lond., 1851. 8/6. A work of the same character as No. 728.

HULL (John, D.D.) Exposition upon part of Lamentations 4 to. Lond., 1618. 7/6. Full of quaintnesses. Marrowy throughout.

KEIL (K. F. 1754-1818). Commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations 2 vols., 8vo. 21/. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1874. We have already indicated the direction in which Keil is serviceable. For exact interpretation he is esteemed, but he is too cold and formal ever to be a favorite.

LANGE'S COMMENTARY. Jeremiah and Lamentations. By Dr. C. W. Nagelsbach. 1 vol., Imp. 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. Clark. 1871. "Whoever becomes possessed of this great work will have, in a comprehensive form, the results of all ancient and modern exegesis, with an apparatus criticus of surprising copiousness."—British Quarterly Review.

LOWTH (William, M.A.) A Commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations 4 to. Lond., 1718. 1/6. (See Nos. 50 and 712). This forms a part of what is known as Bp. Patrick's Commentary. Orme says that Lowth is "one of the most judicious commentators on the prophets, and he never prophesies himself" We wish we could say this of all writers on prophetic subject..

SMITH (THORNLEY). The Prophet of Sorrow; or, Life and Times of Jeremiah. Cr. 8vo. 4/6. Edinb., Oliphant. 1875. Not a commentary; but as it casts light on the character and times of the prophet it deserves a place here.

SWIFT (Daniel). Zion's sufferings: an Exposition of Lamentations V. 12mo. Lond., 1654. 4/-Strong, rough, coarse. Excessively rare.

UDALL (John) A Commentarie upon the Lamentations of Jeremy. [Anon.]. 4to. Lond., 1599. 4/ or 5/. In this extremely rare work the author has labored after brevity, and has given the abridgment of many discourses; hence, to those who can procure it, it is all the more useful.

Ezekiel

ALLEINE (William). The nine last chapters of Ezekiel unfolded. 8vo. 1679. 5/6 Very rare; will interest interpreters of prophecy.

COWLES (Henry, D.D.) Ezekiel and Daniel; with Notes, Critical, Explanatory, and Practical. Thick cr. 8vo. New York, D. Appleton & Co. 1867. S. 6/6. In his own way this author is one of the most instructive of American writers; he is clear and definite, and leaves his meaning impressed upon the mind. His scholarship is respectable.

FAIRBAIRN (Patrick, D.D.) Ezekiel. Exposition; with New Translation. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1851. This exposition has passed through three editions, and has gained for its author a high place among elucidators of difficult parts of Scripture. Dr. Fairbairn has a cool judgment and a warm heart; he has cast much light upon Ezekiel's wheels, and has evidently felt the touch of the live coal, which is better still.

GREENHILL (William, M.A. 1591-1677). Exposition of Ezekiel 5 vols. 4to. 1645—1667. Reprinted in a thick imp. 8vo. volume, 1827, and now issued in Nichol's Commentaries. 10/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1863. We always get something out of Greenhill whenever we refer to him. He had not, of course, the critical skill of the present day, but his spiritual insight was keen. He rather commented on a passage than expounded it.

GUTHRIE (Thomas, D.D.) The Gospel in Ezekiel Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Daldy & Isbister. 1864. Very little of Ezekiel, and a great many of those flowers of eloquence which rendered Dr. Guthrie so famous. We can hardly regard it as an exposition. It only dwells upon the latter part of the 36th chapter.

HENDERSON (Ebenezer, D.D.) Ezekiel. With Commentary. 8vo. Lond., Hamilton. 1855. 5/-Valuable condensed notes.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W., D.D.) The Prophecies of Ezekiel elucidated. Demy 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1869. We have frequently characterised this author's writings. They are clear, cold, and dry, like a fine moonlight night in the middle of winter. A man needs a peculiar mind to enjoy Hengstenberg; but all educated students can profit by him.

KEIL (K. F.) Ezekiel [2 vols., in preparation]. Edinb. T. Clark.

LANGE. Commentaries on Ezekiel and other Books of Old Testament. [In preparation.] Edinb., T. & T. Clark.

NEWCOME (William, D.D., Abp. of Armagh./1-/2). Improved version, metrical arrangement, and explanation. 4to. Dublin, 1728. 8vo. Lond., 1836, &c. (See Lowth and others, No. 7x I). Dr. Fairbairn says:—"The notes are of a very brief description, chiefly explanatory of the meanings given in the translation; and both the translation and the notes proceed to a large extent on the vicious principle, very prevalent at the time, of getting rid of difficulties in the sense by proposed emendations of the text." Yet Newcome showed both learning and diligence in this improved version.

Daniel

AMNER (R.) Essay towards interpretation. 8vo. Lond., 1776. Written on the absurd hypothesis that the prophecies were all fulfilled before the death of Antiochus Epiphanes.

AUBERLEN (Carl August, Ph.D.) The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation, by C. A.A. Translated by Adolphe Saphir. 8vo. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1856. 5/-Not a textual commentary, but a treatise upon the mysterious prophecies. Auberlen's spirit is reverential and his views are evangelical, or we should not have found Mr. Saphir translating it. He acknowledges his indebtedness to Roos, No. 799. We must leave the interpretations to be judged by those who are learned in such subjects.

BARNES (Albert). Notes. Blackie's edition. 2vols., post 8vo. 7/-S. 3/6. Dr. Wardlaw said of t/ds work:2-"] have examined the 'Notes' of the Rev. Albert Barnes on a considerable variety of testing passages; and, so far as my examination has gone, I feel confident in pronouncing them to be characterized, in no ordinary degree, by discriminative judgment, sound theology, unostentatious learning, practical wisdom, and evangelical piety."

BIRKS (T. R., M.A.) Exposition of the first two Visions of Daniel. Fcap. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Seeleys. 1845. S.:/6.

BIRKS (T. R., M.A.) The Two Later Visions of Daniel historically explained. Fcap. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Seeley. 1846. We must leave judgment upon this work and the preceding one to those skilled in

prophetic interpretation.

BRIGHTMAN (Thomas. Puritan./1-/2). A most comfortable Exposition of the last and most difficult part of the Prophecie of Daniel, from the 26th verse of the 11th Chapter to the end of the 12th Chapter, wherein the restoring of the Jewes and their calling to the faith of Christ after the utter overthrow of their three last enemies is set forth in lively colors. 4to. Lond., 1644. This exposition and the author's commentary on Canticles are appended to his work on Revelation, and do not appear to have been published separately. In his title-page Brightman is called a bright and worthy man, and in the preface we are told that "he shined every way and was a Brightman indeed." His work is rather a curiosity than a treasure.

BROUGHTON (Hugh. 1549-1612). Daniel's Chaldee Visions. 14forks. Folio. Lond., 1662. This author was pedantic and eccentric, but yet a man of real learning. His works!have almost disappeared. In his own day some considered him a sage and others a quack. He was a little of both.

CALVIN (John). Commentaries upon Daniel 4 to. Lond., John Day. 1570. 10/-Also in Calvin's complete works.

COLEMAN (Thomas). Decision, exemplified in Daniel 8 vo. Lond., 1858. This is by the author of "Memorials of Independent Churches." It is intended for children and is suitable for them.

COWLES (Henry, D.D.) See under Ezekiel, No. 761.

Daniel: Statesman and Prophet. [Anon]. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Religious Tract Society. [N.D.] A valuable popular addition to the literature of the book of Daniel. Objections to its authenticity and inspiration are met, and the assaults of infidels are made to bring out the evidences of Divine authority with all the greater clearness. We are delighted with the volume, which is beautifully got up. Every student and minister should have a copy.

DARBY (John NELSON). Studies. 1/-Lond., W. H. Broom. The name of the writer sufficiently indicates the character of the book.

DESPREZ (Philip S., B.D.) Daniel; or, the Apocalypse of the Old Testa-ment. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Williams& Norgate. 1865. This work is of the Essays and Reviews school. The author cannot see the Messiah in Daniel. It is worse than useless.

ELLIOTT (E. B.) See under Revelation.

FRERE (James Hatley, Esq.) A Combined View of the Prophecies of Daniel, Ezra, and St. John 8 vo. Lond., 1826. S. 2/6. This has been esteemed by many in its day, but we do not recommend its purchase.

GAUSSEN (S. R. Louis). Daniel, explained for Young Persons. 2 vols. 8vo. 9/-Lond., J. & C. Mozley. 1874. This is a work for children only. We hope it will not set our Sunday School teachers explaining to their little ones the image and its toes, the he-goat, and all the other marvels. If they do attempt it we wish them as well through their task as Professor Gausсен.

HARRISON (Benjamin, M.A., Archdeacon of Maid-stone). Prophetic Outlines of the Christian Church and the Antichristian Power, as traced in the Visions of Daniel and St. John. [Warburtonian

Lectures.] 8vo. 1849. 3/ We like the manner of this book. The author has been content throughout to trace the true outline o/interpretation without entering an a detailed examination of counter theories; and he has done this in the spirit of Bishop Ridley, who said upon a kindred subject, "Sir, in these matters I am so fearful, that I dare not speak further than the very text doth, as it were, lead me by the hand."

HENGSTENBERG (E. W.) Dissertations on the Genuineness of Daniel and the Integrity of Zachariah. 8vo. 12/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1848. S. 5/6. Much valuable matter is brought out by the discussion; but few of us have time to go into it, or any need to do so; for we are fully persuaded of the integrity of all the prophets, and of their books too.

HUIT (Ephraim. Puritan). The whole Prophecie of Daniel Explained. 4to. Lond., 1643. 5/6. Huit's short doctrinal summaries of the verses will bring useful sub. jects before the preacher's mind; otherwise Huit is not very remarkable.

IRVING (Edward, M.A. 1792-1834). Babylon and Infidelity foredoomed of God-; A Discourse on Daniel and the Apo-calyptse. 2 vols., 12mo. Glasg., 1826; also one vol. 8vo. 3/6. More of rolling sound than anything else.

KEIL (K. F.) Commentary on the Book of Daniel 8 vo 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1872. "We have just had occasion to make ourselves acquainted with Keil's book on Daniel, and we can speak of it in very high terms. It is marked by great erudition, rare accuracy, and much spiritual thoughtfulness."—Evangelical Magazine.

KELLY (William). Notes. 12mo. 1/6. Lond., Morrish. 1870. It needs minds of a peculiar organization to enjoy Plymouth writings. They abound in peculiar phraseology, which only the initiated can understand. We are sorry to see such a mind as Mr. Kelly's so narrowed to party bounds.

KNOX (J.) Reflections on Daniel. Small 8vo. 1849. This book is unknown to us.

MANCHESTER (George Montague, Duke Of). The Times of Daniel, Chronological and Prophetical. 8vo. Lond., 1845. 3/-This work has received the most enthusiastic praise from German writers, who dwell with pleasure upon his being "erudite and illustrious." The duke's writing is certainly sui genera. He is by no means a favorite author with us.

MILES (Charles Popham, B.A.) Lectures, with Notes. [Chap. I—VII]. 2 vols. 12mo. Lond., Nisbet. 1840-41. 3/6. Commendable sermons and good notes.

MORE (Henry, D.D., F.R.S. 1614-1687). A Plain and Continue.,[Exposition of the several Prophecies of Daniel 4 to. Lond., 1681. 2/6. If a man had no more than Afore on Daniel he would certainly long for more, and need a work more spiritual and more suggestive.

NEWTON (Sir Isaac, F.R.S. 1642-1727). Observations on Daniel and the Apocalypse. 4to. Lond., 1733; 8vo., 1831. 2/-or 3/-The author's name will always keep this book in repute. The spiritual student will not glean much from it. Sir Isaac's fame does not rest on his expositions. The following extract we cannot forbear inserting in this place :—"The folly of interpreters has been, to foretell times and things by this prophecy [the Apocalypse], as if God designed to make them prophets. By this rashness they have not only exposed themselves, but brought the prophecy also into

contempt. The design of God was much otherwise. He gave this and the prophecies of the Old Testament, not to gratify men's curiosities by enabling them to foreknow things, but that after they were fulfilled they might be interpreted by the event; and his own providence, not the interpreter's wisdom, be then manifested thereby to the world."

PARKER (Thomas. Puritan. Died 1677). Daniel expounded. 4to. Lond 1646. 'This learned book is enough to perplex and distract any ordinary mortal, but probably Dr. Cumming and brethren of his school would revel in it. We had sooner read a table of logarithms.

PUSEY (Edward Bouverie, D.D. Regius Professor of Hebrew). Daniel the Prophet. Nine Lectures. 8vo. 10/6. Lond., J. Parker & Co. 1869. To Dr. Pusey's work on Daniel all subsequent writers must be deeply indebted, however much they may differ from him in other departments of theological study.

ROOS (Magnus Frederick. 1727-1803). Exposition of such of the Prophecies of Daniel as receive their accomplishment under the New Testament. Translated by E. Henderson. 8vo. Edinb., 1811. 1/6 and 2/-Dr. Henderson gently chides those who are not sufficiently intent upon prophetic interpretation. There would be fewer of such delinquents if expositors were more reasonable. Roos, however, is dull to a dreadful degree: we should say that nobody ever read him through, except his translator. He is very devout, and this is the saving point about his book. We cannot tell whether the views of Roos are correct or not, for we cannot keep awake while reading him. As far as we have gone we have seen some reason to question.

RULE (William Harris, D.D.). Historical Exposition of Daniel. Cr. 8vo. Lond., Seeley & Co. 1869. 3,-A notably interesting exposition, bringing historical facts and memorials to bear upon the prophecy. It is not merely readable, but attractive.

STRONG (Leonard). Lectures. 12mo. 2/-Lond., Yapp. 187f. Notes of instructive lectures.

STUART (Moses). A Commentary on the Book of Daniel 8 vo. Boston, U.,5'. 1850. S. 9/6. Stuart gives quite an independent interpretation, and fails to see the Pope and his Cardinals in Daniel, for which we like him all the better. 'Vie do not accept his conclusions, but he is always worthy of respect.

TREGELLES (S. Prideaux, LL.D.) Remarks on the Prophetic Visions of Daniel. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Bagsters. 1852. Tregelles is deservedly regarded as a great authority upon prophetic subjects.

WELLS (Edward, D.D.) Daniel explained. 4to. Lond., 1716. 1/6. This is a different work to that mentioned in No. 6x. It is of no great value.

WILLET (Andrew). Hexapla in Daniele. Folio. 1610. 8/6. aPr. Williams says that this is a work of much information, as it contains the "opinions of many authors on each point of difficulty." He adds that in none of his expositions does Willet "discover more skill and judgment than in the present work."

WILSON (Joseph, A.M.) Horae Propheticae; or Dissertation on the Book of Daniel 8 vo. Oundle, 1824. 2/-We consider this to be of more than average worth.

WINTLE (Thomas, B.D./1-/2). Daniel, an Improved Version, with Notes. 4to. Oxf, 1792; 8vo., Lond., 1836. 2/- (See No. 711.) Learned notes, mainly philological, with a translation on the plan of Lowth.

WODROW (Robert). Destiny of Israel, as unfolded in the Eighth and succeeding Chapters of Daniel 12 mo. Blackie & Song of Solomon. 1844. 1/6. This devout author follows the system of Sir Isaac Newton and Bishop Newton. His calculations as to the year 1843 were disproved by history.

WOOD (William, A.M.) Lectures on the first Seven Chapters of Daniel 12 mo. Lond., Cleaver. 1847. x/6. Plain sermons of no great expository value.

Minor Prophets

BARLEE (Edward). Explanatory Version of the Minor Prophets, 12mo. J.on&, Pickering. 1839. 1/6. One of the best paraphrases we have ever met with.

COWLES (Henry, D.D.) The Minor Prophets, with Notes. Cr. 8vo. New York, D. Appleton & Co. 1867. S. 7/-"This work is designed for both pastor and people. It embodies the results of much research, and elucidates the text of sacred Scripture with admirable force and simplicity."—New York Christian Intelligence

DANÆUS, or DANEAU (Lambert. Eminent French Protestant Divine. 1530-1596). A fruitfull Commentarie upon the Twelve Small Prophets. Translated by John Stockwood, Minister at Tunbridge. 4to. Lond., 1594. A translation of a work famous in its day, but of small service now.

HENDERSON (Ebenezer, D.D.) The Twelve Minor Prophets. Large 8vo. Lond., Hamilton & Co. 1845. Scarce. S. 10/-A learned critical work, not spiritually or doctrinally suggestive, but simply explanatory of the text. This author denounces the theory of a double sense in prophecy 3 we, none the less, believe it to be a fact.

HUTCHESON (George). Briefe Exposition of the 12 Small Prophets. 3 vols., sm. 8vo. Lond., 1655; 1 vol., folio, 1657. 7/6 to 10/-Get it. Hutcheson is always rich. He resembles Dickson.

KEIL (K. F.) Commentary on the Minor Prophets. 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1871. "Dr. Keil is at his best in this Commentary; and to all who have ventured on this obscure region we can promise an intelligent guide and a serviceable light in this work. We ourselves, under his guidance, have resumed the study of these beautiful and instructive Scriptures with renewed vigor and growing delight."—Nonconformist.

KELLY (William). Lectures. Cr. 8vo. 4/6. Lond., Broom. 1871. Mr. Kelly finds in the Minor Prophets a great many things which we cannot see a trace of—for instance, he here discovers that we shall lose India. It is a pity that a man of such excellence should allow a very superior mind to be so warped.

LANGE. Commentary on the Minor Prophets. Edited by Dr. Schaff. Imp. 8vo. 21/-Edinb.,T.T. Clark. 1874. The commentaries on the different prophets are by various authors; hence their value differs, its a whole the volume is excellent, but not so good as Keil.

NEWCOME (William, D.D. Abp. of Armagh. 1729-1800). Improved Version, Metrical Arrangement, and Explanation. With all the Principal Notes of Harsley on Hosea, and Blayney on Zechariah 8 vo.

Lond., 1836. 2/6. (See No. 711.) A celebrated critical work of a past age, but not expository. Newcome was too fond of new readings to be safely followed.

PUSEY (E. B., D.D.) The Minor Prophets. With a Commentary. 4to., sewed, 5/-each part. Part I., Hosea to Joel; II., Joel to Amos, vi. 6; III., Amos, vi. 6 to Micah, i. 12; IV., Micah, i. 13 to Nahum; V. [in the press], Habakkuk to Haggai. Lond., J. Parker. 1860-1871. All authorities speak of this work with great respect and so would we; but it is evident that Dr. Pusey is far too much swayed by patristic and mediaeval commentators.

RANDALL (James, M.A.) Sermons on the Books of Joel, Jonah, Nahum, Micah, and Habakkuk. 8co. Lond., 1843. 2/6. Superior sermons; but what are they among so many prophets?

STOKES (David, D.D.) Paraphrase. 8co. Lond., 1659. 4/' Of no importance.

Hosea

BURROUGHES (Jeremiah. Puritan. 1599-1646). Exposition of the Prophecie of Hosea 4 vols. 4to. Lond., 1-1/2. [The original work does not include Chapter XIV., upon which there is an Exposition by Sibbes, and another by Bp. Reynolds. The reprint, by James Sherman, contains the Exposition completed by I-fall and Reynolds. Nichol's Series of Commentaries. 1 vol., imp. 8co. 10/6. Nisbet, 1863. Masterly. A vast treasure-house of experimental exposition. With the exception of Adams, we prefer it to any other of the expositions reprinted under the editorship of Mr. Sherman.

HORSLEY (Samuel., Bishop of St. Asaph). Hosea. Translated from the Hebrew; with Notes. 4to. Lond., 1804. S. 3/-And in Vol. 2 of Biblical Criticism. Horsley occasionally succeeds in elucidating obscurities, but frequently his treatment of the text reminds one of the old army surgeons who cut and hacked their patients without mercy. This translation is still valued, but is to be followed with discretion.

DOWNNAME (John, B.D. Died 1644). Lectures upon the Four First Chapters of Hosea 4 to. Lond., 1608. 3/6. An exposition of the richest kind. Get it by all means, if you can.

DRAKE (William, M.A.) Notes, critical and explanatory, on the Prophecies of Jonah and Hosea 8 vo. Cam&, Macmillan & Co. 1853. For Hebraists only.

NEALE (James, M.A.) Hosea. Translation, Commentary, and Notes. Royal 8vo. Lond., 1850. S. 1/6 to 2/6. We do not think many ministers will value it for homiletical purposes.

POCOCK (Edward, D.D. 1604-1691). Commentary on Hosea. In Vol. 2 of his Works; 2 vols. folio. Lond., 1740. 12/6. Orme says Pocock was "one of the finest Oriental scholars, and certainly the first Arabic scholar of his age." His book is a treasury filled with the products of laborious research.

WOLFENDALE (J.) Homiletical Commentary on Hosea. [In progress: being Part 5 of the Preacher's Commentary.] I/. Lond., R. D. Dickinson. [1875.] On an excellent plan, and moderately well executed. With Bur-roughes and others to quarry from, and so good a method to work by., Mr. Wolfendale ought to have produced a better book; but even as it is he deserves a measure of commendation.

SMITH (Samuel). An Exposition upon the Sixth Chapter of the Prophecie of Hosea 4 to. Lond., 1616. 5/' In Smith's usual quiet, rich, expository manner.

MARGOLIOUTH (Moses, B.A.) Genuine Repentance, and its Effects. Exposition of Hosea XIV. 8vo. Lond., 1854.. 3/ Respectable discourses.

REYNOLDS (Edward, D.D., Bp. of Norwich. 1599—1676). An Explication of the Fourteenth Chapter of Hosea, in Seven Sermons. 4to. 1649. 2/-Reprinted by the Religious Tract Society. 18mo. 1/6. See also under Burroughes, No. 822. Reynolds was one of the greatest theological writers in an age of great divines. He worthily takes place with Burroughes.

SIBBES (Richard, D.D.) The Returning Backslider, or a Commentary upon Hosea XIV. 4to. 1639, &c. 2/-Also in Vol I I. of his Works, Nichol's edition. Manton says of Sibbes, that he had a peculiar gift in unfolding the great mysteries of the Gospel in a sweet and mellifluous manner, and therefore he was by his hearers usually termed the Sweet Dropper, "sweet and heavenly distillations usually dropping from him with such a native elegance as is not easily to be imitated." This commentary on Hosea is a fair specimen of his style.

Joel

CHANDLER (Samuel, D.D.) A Paraphrase and Critical Commentary on Joel. 4to. Lond., 1735. 2/6. Chandler makes very few remarks of a spiritual kind, but explains the letter of the word with considerable skill. In writing upon Joel he does not appear to the same advantage as in his "Life of David." He does not effect much in clearing up the "things hard to be understood" in the prophet, and he is of the old broad school.

HUGHES (Joseph, B.A.) The Prophecy of Joel. The Hebrew Text metrically arranged, with a New Translation and Critical Notes. Fcap. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Bagsters. A purely literary treatise, useful to Hebraists only.

POCOCK (Edward, D.D.) A Commentary on Joel. 14forks, vol. I. Folio. Oxf, 1691. [The same volume contains his common. taxies on Micah and Malachi.] Full of antique learning. Holds a high place among the older comments, but will never again be popular.

ROWLEY (Adam CLARKE, M.A.) Joel. Metrical Translation. Sq. 8vo. Lond., Hamilton. 1867. S. 1/6. The translation has been carefully executed. The notes are illustrative and literary only; they do not profess to open up the moral and spiritual teaching of the prophet. Could Adam Clarke rise from the dead, he would rejoice to find his grandson following in his footsteps.

TOPSELL (Edward). Times Lamentations; or, An Exposition on the Prophet Joel. 4to. Lond., 1599. 9/-Among the old English commentaries Topsell is the writer on Joel. He has the usual force, homeliness, piety, and fullness of the Puritan period.

UDALL (John). The true remedie against Famine and Warres. Flue Sermons upon the first Chapter of the prophesie of Joel.],and. 12mo. 1586. 15/-We gave so high a price for this small black letter volume that we should like to make it profitable to our brethren, and therefore we commend to the more starchy of them the following extract, which will also serve to show how the old preachers lashed with vigor the fashions of the times. Udall says: "For the feeding of our monstrous humor of vanity, how many thousands of quarters of the finest wheat, which God ordained for the food of man, are yearly converted into that mast devilish device of starch. A sin so abominable that it doth cry so loudly in the Lord's ears for vengeance, as his justice must needs proceed against us for it, without speedy repentance."

Amos

BENEFIELD (Sebastian, D.D. 1559-1630). A Commentary upon the first Chapter of the Prophecie of Amos. Delivered in twenty-one Sermons. 4to. Lond., 1629. Upon the second chapter, in twenty-one Sermons, 1629. Upon the third chapter, in seventeen Sermons, 1629. [Sometimes to be met with in one volume.] 9/-, or with [fall (No. 840), 2 vols., 18/-to 20/-Dr. Benefield was Lady Margaret Professor in Oxford, a Puritan and thorough Calvinist. His volume was, in its time, the standard Commentary on Amos. It is somewhat prolix and plentifully sprinkled with Latin; it only discusses three chapters in 953 pages.

HALL (Thomas, B.D., Puritan, Born 1610). An Exposition; by way of Supplement, on the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth. and ninth Chapters of Amos 4 to. Lond., 1661. Hall took up Amos where Benefield left off. He says he studied brevity, and perhaps he succeeded, for he does not quite fill 600 pages with six chapters. The two quartos make up a complete work, of an antique type, not suitable to modern tastes, nor up to the mark of present criticism, but still instructive. What Puritan is not?

RYAN (Vincent William, M.A.) Lectures on Amos. 12mo. Lond., Seeleys. 1850. 2/-A commendable series of Lectures; the more valuable because so few moderns have ventured to touch the subject.

Obadiah

MARBURY (Edward, A.M. Died about 1655). Obadiah 1:4 to. Lond., 1649. 4/6. ' Reprinted, with his Commentary upon Habakkuk, in Nichol's Series. Cr. 4to. 7/6. £and., Nisbet. 1865. Far more lively than Rainolds. His spirituality of mind prevents his learning becoming dull. He says in the preface, "all my desire is to do all the good I can," and he writes in that spirit.

PILKINGTON (James, B.D., Bp. of Durham. 1520~1575). In the "Works of Bishop Pilkington," reprinted by the Parker Society, there are Commentaries on Haggai, Obadiah, and Nehemiah. S. 3/-Full of the minor as well as the major controversies of the Reformation period, and therefore the less interesting to us. In its own day it was the master-work on the two prophets, Haggai and Obadiah.

RAINOLDS (Joliet, D.D./1-/2). The Prophecie of Obadiah opened and applyed. 4to. 1613. 3/-to 4/6. Re-printed, with his work on Haggai, and King on Jonah, in one volume of Nichol's Series. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1864. Full of classical stories and learned allusions; but more useful when first written than now. The author was one of the most learned men the world ever produced, but he is not likely to be a favorite with modern readers.

Jonah

[This unloveable Prophet has found more Commentators than any other; partly we suppose because the angles of his character excite greater interest, but mainly because we have some knowledge of his life, and therefore are able to realize his personality. He has received quite as much attention as he deserves in proportion to other Prophets.]

ABBOTT (George, Abp. of Canterbury. 1562-1633). An Exposition upon the Prophet Jonah. 4to. 1613. 5/-New edition, published at 12/-, offered for 3/-, by Ogle & Murray, Edinb. Abbott was a renowned Calvinistic divine, and one of the translators of the present version of the Bible. No set

of works on Jonah would be complete without this learned, laborious, and comprehensive exposition. It is, of course, very antique in style; but, like "old wine," it is none the worse for its age.

BENJOIN (George). *Jonah. Translation, with Notes.* 4to. Cam&, 1796. Plenty of paper. Hame says this work "is literally good for nothing."

CALVIN (John). *Lectures upon the Prophet Jonas.* Translated by N. Baxter. 4to. Lond., 1578. 9/-This of course is fuller than the Commentary, and, as the work of a revered master, is beyond our criticism.

CUNNINGHAM (J. w., A.M.) *Six Lectures on the Book of Jonah.* Fcap. boards. 3/-Lond., Hatchards. 1833. Good simple Lectures.

DESPREZ (P.S., D.D.) *The Book of Jonah. Illustrated by Discoveries at Nineveh.* 12mo. 1857. 1/6. To make Layard illustrate Jonah was a good idea, and it has been well carried out by this author.

DRAKE (William, M.A.) *Notes on Jonah and Hosea* 8 vo. 9/-Cam&, Macmillan & Co. 1853. S. 1/6. Entirely critical. Only useful to Hebrew scholars.

EdwardS (Henry). *Exposition of the Book of Jonah.* 12mo. Long Sutton, Swain. 1837. 2/-Fourteen plain, earnest, practical sermons.

Ephraem Syrus. (Died about 379). *A Metrical Homily on the Mission of Jonah.* Translated from the original Syriac, by Henry Burgess, LL.D. Cr. 8vo. 10/6. Lond., Sampson Low & Co. 1853. 1/6 new. A literary curiosity—nothing more.

EXELL (Joseph S.) *Practical Readings on the Book of Jonah.* Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Elliot Stock. 1874. Mr. Exell, in a very unpretending but able way, brings to light the practical lessons of Jonah. Paxton Hood calls these readings "admirable," and we concur in the verdict.

FAIRBAIRN (Patrick, D.D.) *Jonah: Life, Character, and Mission.* 12mo. Edinb., Johnstone. 1849. S. 2/-The life and times of the prophet are set in a clear light; and the nature and design of his mission fully explained. The work is well done, and is by far the ablest English treatise on this prophet.

FULLER (Thomas, D.D.) *Notes upon Jonah.* [In "A Collection of Sermons." Sm. 8vo. Lond., 1656.] Mr. Tegg has reprinted Fuller's *Comment on Ruth, and Notes upon Jonah,* in one small 8vo. vol. 4/6. 1868. S. 2/6. Full of wisdom, and fuller of wit, in fact, too full of the soul of the latter, for they are far too short.

GAUSSEN (S. R. Louis, Theol. Prof., Geneva). *Jonah, the Prophet. Lessons on his Life.* 18mo. x/6 and 2/-Lond., Religious Tract Society. [N. D.] *Addresses to a Sunday School at Geneva.*

HARDING (Thomas). *Expository Lectures.* 12mo. Lond., 1856. S. 1/-' What intelligent man in this kingdom could learn anything from these lectures? The; worthy man writes only such self-evident truisms as must have occurred to anybody and everybody who has read his Bible.

HOOPER (John. Bishop and Martyr). *An oversyghte and deliberation uppon the holy prophet Jonas: made and uttered before the Kinges Majesty and his most honorable Councell, by Jhon Hoper, in Lent last past. Comprehended in seuen Sermons.* 16mo. Lond., 1550. Reprinted by the

Parker Society. 8vo. Camb., 1843. S. 3/-It would not repay the student to buy Hooper's works for this short piece. The language is antique, and the thought not of the newest.

JONES (Thomas, of Creaton). Jonah's Portrait. 12mo. 1827. 2/-" Jonah's Portrait" was very popular fifty years ago, and deservedly so, for Mr. Jones sketches it with considerable power. We should fancy that Jonah's portrait, as he sat under his withered gourd, was not a thing of beauty, or a joy for ever.

KING (John, Bp. Of London./1-/2). Lectures upon Jonah 4 to. Oxf, 1600, &c. S. 3' to 5/-Reprinted in Nichol's Series of Commentaries. (See Rainolds, No. 844). Quaint and rich, with a little occasional quiet mirth. It was the book of its time. Some will think it out of date, others will, like Grosart, prize the work of "the Bishop with the royal name."

MACPHERSON (A.) Lectures. 18mo. Edinb., 1849.:/-Far superior to the general run of lectures.

MARTIN (Hugh). The Prophet Jonah. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., W. Isbister & Co. 1866. ,4 first-class exposition of Jonah. No one who has it will need any other. It is not a small treatise, as most of the Jonah books are; but it contains 460 pages, all rich with good matter. It is out of print, and ought to be republished. What are publishers at to let such a book slip out of the market?

MUIR (A. S.) Lessons from Jonah. Cr. 8vo. Lond.,, 857. i/6. A lively, popular, and earnest book, in a specially florid style. The author talks a great deal about "the Son of Amittai;" why not say Jonah? We are tempted to pull the finery to pieces; but we stay our hand, for there is really something good in these "lessons."

PEDDIE, (James, D.D./1-/2). A Practical Expo-sition of the Book of Jonah. 12mo. Edinb., 1842. 2/-" The pungent remarks peculiar to the Ralph Erskine school make the Jonah of Dr. Peddie a favorite wherever it is known."

PRESTON (Matthew Morris, M.A.) Lectures. 8vo. Lond., 1840. i/-Ordinary sermons. Better ones can be bought for a penny.

QUARLES (Francis). A Feast for Wormes. A Poem on the History of Jonah 4 -to. Lond., 1620. Quaint and rather bombastic verse, but full of meaning.

RALEIGH (Alexander, D.D.) The Story of Jonah. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Edinb., A. & C. Black. 1875. Dr. Raleigh calls your attention to every touch of the strange picture which hangs before us in the life of Jonah. Although we do not always endorse the Doctor's remarks, we can but marvel at the beauty and power of his descriptions and reflections.

TWEEDIE (W. K.) Man by Nature and Grace; or, Lessons from Jonah. 12mo. Edinb., Johnstone & Hunter. 1850. S. 1/6. A good practical work, expounding the book of Jonah for Christian edification.

SIMPSON (James). Discourses from Jonah 1:8 vo. Edinb., 1816. 2/6. Very little in the sermons, but their titles are singularly happy, and in themselves enough to afford subjects of discourse to preachers.

Micah

[Since there is so very little upon this book the student should refer to works on the Minor Prophets as a whole. There are some excessively rare authors and also works in Latin; but these do not fall within our range.]

POCOCK (Edward, D.D.) See No. 835.

Habakkuk

MARBURY (Edward, A.M.) Commentarie. 4to. Lond., 1650. 3/6 to 5/-For Reprint, See No. 842. Here Marbury holds the field alone among old English authors, and he does so worthily. There is about him a vigorous, earnest freshness which makes his pages glow.

Haggai

GRYNÆUS (John James, D.D./1-/2). Haggai, the Prophet; a most plentiful Commentary, gathered out of the Publique Lectures of Dr. J. J. Grynæus. 12mo. Lond., 1586. Grynæus was a voluminous author, and commented on most of the books of Scripture, but only this work has been turned into English, and it is now seldom met with.

MOORE (T. V., D.D., of Richmond, Va., U.S.) Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. A New Translation, with Notes. 8vo. New York, 1856; Lond., 1858. 5/-to 6/6. A capital book. Most useful to ministers.

PILKINGTON (Bishop). See under Obadiah, No. 843.

RAINOLDS (John, D.D.) Haggai; Interpreted and Applied. 4to. 1613 and 1649. For Reprint, See No. 844. Rainolds was the tutor of Hooker, and had a main hand in our authorised version of the Bible. Bishop Hall says, "the memory, the reading of that man were near a miracle." We ought to be enraptured with a Commentary from such a divine, but we confess that we are not.

Zechariah

BLAYNEY (Benjamin, D.D.) Zechariah. A New Translation, with Notes. 4to. Oxf, 1797. 3/6. This learned author writes after the manner of Lowth, but has neither Lowth's taste nor poetic vein. His notes will not suggest sermons, but will be philologically useful if cautiously read.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W.) In his "Christology" (for which See No. 67) Hengstenberg has given a thorough and elaborate exposition of the greater part of Zechariah and Malachi. He is too grammatical and dry to be generally interesting.

KIMCHI (David. A celebrated Spanish Rabbi. Died about 1240). Commentary on Zechariah. Translated from the Hebrew by Rev. A. M'Caul, A.M. 8vo. Lond., 1837. 1/6. This enables the English reader to see how the Jews themselves understood the Prophets, and this is worth knowing.

MOORE (T. V.) See under Haggai, No. 873.

PARK (I. R., M.D.) An Amicable Controversy with a Jewish Rabbi on the Messiah's coming; with an entirely new Exposition of Zechariah 8 vo. Lond., 1832. 2/- The words "entirely new exposition" put us on our guard, and did not entice us to read. The caution was needful. This author explains the prophecy spiritually, and asserts that "the spiritual is the most literal interpretation." We more than doubt it.

PEMBLE (William, M.A. Puritan./1-/2). A Short and Sweet Exposition upon the First Nine Chapters of Zechariah. In his Works. Folio. Oxf, 1659, and Lond., 1635. 3/6 to 5/-Richard Capel says: "Amongst the hardest bookes of Scripture the Prophets may have place, and amongst the Prophets, Zechary is a deepe, wherein an elephant may swimme, and therefore I cannot but commend the wisdom of that man of God (the author of this booke), who bestowed his; learning and his paines to open the mysteries of this Prophecie. Death ended his dayes ere he could quite finish his worke, and great weakncss hindered an intended supplement." Pemble was a learned Calvinistic divine, and his writings are highly esteemed, but not very captivating.

STONARD (John, D.D. 1769-1849). Commentary on Zechariah, with a Corrected Translation, and Critical Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1824. 4/-An earnest attempt to expound this prophecy; we do not think the author has succeeded, but he has written some good things.

WARDLAW (Ralph, D.D.) Lectures on Zechariah. [Posthumous Works, Vol. III.] Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Edinb., A. Fullerton & Co. 1862. S. 2/6. Written in the Doctor's old age; but we prefer it, in some respects, to other volumes of his lectures. We always consult it.

Malachi

MOORE (T. V., D.D.) See under Haggai, No. 873.

POCOCK (Edward, D.D.) See under Joel, No. 835.

SCLATER (William, D.D.) Brief and Plain Commentary upon Malachy. 4to. Lond., 1650. 5/' or 6/-Not equal to the general standard of Puritan comments. The editor of the work rightly says, "the method is, for the chapters themselves, analytical; for the practical observations, synthetical." We are quaintly told that he would start the hare with any man; that is to say, he would suggest thought and leave others to pursue its track.

STOCK (Richard, M.A. 1568-1626). A Commentary upon Malachy. Whereunto is added an Exercitation upon the same Prophecy by Samuel Torshell. Folio. Lond., 1641. [Re-printed, together with Bernard and Fuller on Ruth. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1865.] See 2Va. 262. Contains a slack of knowledge, and more than a sufficient stock of quotations from the fathers. Torshell printed the book fifteen years after Stock's death, and finding it to be written for a popular audience only, he added an examination of the original and a few notes in a more learned style, to make a complete commentary. The two authors have thus composed the work upon Malachi.

WATSON (Thomas. Puritan). Notes on Malachy III. 8vo. 1682. 'This would be a great find if we could only come at it, for Watson is one of the clearest and liveliest of Puritan authors. We fear we shall never see this commentary, for we have tried to obtain it, and tried in vain.

May God bless this effort to assist his ministers in the study of the Old Testament.

Commentaries on the New Testament [See also under Whole Bible Nos. I—65. In many cases the New Testament may be had separately.]

ALFORD (Henry, D.D., Dean of Canterbury). The Greek Testament; with a Critically Revised Text, &c. 4 vols., 8vo. £5 2s. Lond.,/1-/2. (See page 17 of this work). Rivingtons, and G. Bell & Sons.

" " The New Testament for English Readers. 4 parts. 8vo. f2 14s. 6d. Rivingtons, and G. Bell and Sons. 1872. (See page 18). 8c}

" " The New Testament Authorized Version 'Revised. Long Primer, Cr. 8vo., 6/-; Brevier, Fcap. 8vo., 3/6; Nonp. Sm. 8vo., 1/6. Rivingtons, and Isbister & Co.

" " How to Study the New Testament. Part 1, Gospels and Acts; Part 2, Epistles (first section); Part 3, Epistles (second section) and Revelation. Sm. 8vo. 3/6 each. Lond., W. Isbister & Co. 1868. All critics speak of Alford with respect, though they consider that something better than his Greek Testament is still needed. He is, for the present at any rate, indispensable to the student of the original. With some faults, he has surpassing excellencies. We specially commend to the careful reading of young ministers.

ASH (Edward, M.D.) Notes and Comments on the New Testament. 3 vols. Sm. 8vo. Lond., 1-1/2. Remarks such as any plain, thoughtful reader would make offhand.

BARNES (Albert). Notes on the New Testament. Blackie's edition, x 1 vols., Post 8vo. £: 14s. 6d. Routledge's edition, 10 vols, £ x. Everybody has this work, and therefore can judge for himself, or we would both commend and criticize. (See page 13).

BAXTER (Richard. 1615-1691). Paraphrase on the New Testament, with Notes. 4to., 1685. 8vo., 1810. 4/-or 5/-The notes are in Baxter's intensely practical and personal style, and show the hortatory use of Scripture; but they are not very explanatory.

BENGEL (John Albert. 1687—1752). Gnomon of the New Testament, translated into English. With Original Notes. 5 vols., Demy 8vo. Subscription price, 31/6. Cheap issue, the 5 vols. bound in 3, 24/-, to subscribers. Edinb, T. & T. Clark. (See also No. 909.) See our remarks upon pages 15 and 16.

BEZA (Theodore). Newe Testament, Translated out of Greeke, by Theod. Beza. Sin. fol. Lond., 1596. 25/-The compact marginal notes are still most useful. The possessor of this old black letter Testament may think himself happy.

BIBLICAL MUSEUM (The). A complete Commentary on an Original Plan. By James Camper Gray. 5 vols., Cr. 8va. 4/6 each. Lond., Elliot Stock. 1871-3. Most helpful in suggesting divisions, and furnishing anecdotes. Multum in parvo. Our opinion of it is very high. It is not critical, but popular. The author has used abbreviations in order to crowd in as much matter as possible. (See No. 5.)

BLOOMFIELD (S. T., D.D.) The Greek Testament, with English Notes; chiefly original. 2 vols., 8va. Lond., 1841 8/6 to 14/-

" " Additional Annotations on the New Testament. 8vo. Lond., 1850. 2./6. We frequently get more from Bloomfield than from,41ford, though he is not so fashionable. His notes are full of teaching.

" " Recensio Synoptica Annotationis Sacrae; being a Critical Digest of the most important Annotations on the New Testament. 8 vols., 8va. Lond., 1826. 15/-to 21/-[A considerable part of this work was included in recent editions of the editor's Greek New Testament.] "It would be

impassible to convey to our readers an adequate idea of the mass of information which the learned author has brought to bear upon the numerous passages which he has undertaken to illustrate, and we can safely say, that the enquirer will find very few of which Mr. Bloomfield has not given a complete and satisfactory exposition."—Quarterly Theological Review.

BOWYER (William, F.S.A. 1699-1777). *Critical Conjectures and Observations on the New Testament*. From various authors. 4to. Lond., 1812. 2/6. According to Orme, the best that can be said for these conjectures is, that they are ingenious; but who wants conjectures at all?

BOYS (John, D.D., Dean of Canterbury./1-/2). *Exposition of the Dominical Epistles and Gospels used in our English Liturgie throughout the whole yeere*. Folio. Lond., 1638. 14/-Racy, rich, and running over. We marvel that it has not been reprinted. English churchmen ought not to leave such a book in its present scarcity, for it is specially adapted for their use. Boy, is all essence. What a difference between the John Boys of 1638 and the Thomas Boys of 1827! Note well the name.

BOYS (Thomas, M.A.) *The New Testament, with a plain exposition for the use of families*. 4to. Lond., 1827. 5/ Ordinary readers might be benefited by the practical observations and evangelical applications and exhortations; but students do not require this Boys' exposition.

BURKITT (William. 1650-1703). *Expository Notes*. Numerous editions, folio, 4to., and 8vo. Mr. Tegg publishes it in 2 vols., 8vo. 15/-S. 5/-to 8/- (See page 20). We liked Burkitt better when we were younger. He is, however, a homely and spiritual writer, and his work is good reading for the many.

CHALMERS (Thomas, D.D., LL.D.) *Sabbath Scripture Readings*. Posthumous Works, vol. IV. (See No. I I). The readings are not upon every portion of Scripture, neither can they be viewed as a full exposition of any part thereof They are precious fragments of immortal thought.

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Magazine. We have heard this opinion questioned; but with all discounts the book is a good one.

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MAYER (John, D.D.) New Testament. 2 vols., Folio. 1631. 16/- (See pages 10 and 11.)

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ELLCOTT (C. J., D.D., Bp. of Gloucester and Bristol). Historical Lectures. 8va. x 2/-Lond., Longmans. 1869. This great author stands in the highest place of honor; but having no sympathy with what he calls "the popular theology," he should be read with considerable caution.

FARRAR (F. W., D.D., F.R.S.) Life of Christ. 2 vols., demy 8va. 24/-Lond., Cassell, Petter & Galpin. 1874. The work upon the subject. Fresh and full. The price is very high, and yet the sale has been enormous.

FLEETWOOD (John, D.D.) Life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also the Lives of the Apostles and Evangelists. Imp. 8va. Lond., Mackenzie. S. 6/. This has had a great run, and is to be found in farm houses and cottages. Why we cannot tell, except that the sellers of parts and numbers are fine hands at pushing the trade, and plates and pictures have caught the simple purchasers.

KITTO (John, D.D.) "Life and Death of our Lord." Daily Bible Illustrations. (See No. 41.) Abounds in instructive matter.

LANGE (J.P., D.D.) Life of our Lord Jesus Christ With Additional Notes, by Rev. Marcus Dads, D.D. 4 vols., demy 8va. 28/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1864. We constantly read Lange, and though frequently differing from him, we are more and more grateful for so much thoughtful teaching.

NEANDER (J. A.W.) The Life of Jesus Christ in its Historical Development. Translated by Professors McClintock and Blumenthal. Sm. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Bohn. 1853. Good as an answer to Strauss, but unsatisfactory from the standpoint of evangelical theology.

PRESENSE. (Edmond De, D.D.) Jesus Christ: his Times, Life, and Work. Cr. 8vo. 9/-Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1875. The above work "abridged by the author, and adapted for general readers." Cr. 8vo. 5/-There have been many discussions upon the orthodoxy of this work, but it is a noble production, and is written in an adoring spirit. The accomplished author has made a valuable contribution to the cause of truth. Yet we are inclined to agree with the writer who said, "to write a life of Christ is to paint the sun with charcoal." The life of a Christian is the best picture of the life of Christ.

YOUNG (John, LL.D.) The Christ of History. Enlarged edition. Cr. 8vo. 6/-, and., Daldy, Isbister & Co. 1869. "A work of great excellence, eloquence, and logical compactness." British Quarterly Review.

Miracles of our Lord [Here, also, we cannot attempt a complete list.]

COLLYER (WILLIAM BENGGO, D.D., F.A.S.) Lectures on Scripture Miracles. 8vo. Lond., 1812. 2/6. While reading we seem to hear the rustling of a silk gown. The lectures are by no means to be despised, but they are far too fine for our taste.

CUMMING (John, D.D.) Lectures on our Lord's Miracles, as earnest of the age to come. 12mo. Lond., 1851. S. 2/- Below the Doctor's usual mark, which is none too high.

HOWSON (J. S., D.D., Dean of Chester). Meditations on the Miracles. Fcap. 8vo. 3/-Lond., R. Tract Society. [187Z.] Short, single, but deeply spiritual and suggestive.

KNIGHT (James, A.M.) Discourses on the principal Miracles. 8vo. Lond., 1831. 4/6. Mediocre discourses much appreciated by the clergy who borrow their sermons.

MACDONALD (George, LL.D.) The Miracles of our Lord. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., W. Isbister & Co. 1870. Contains many fresh, childlike, and, we had almost said, dreamy thoughts. It suggests side-walks of meditation.

MAGUIRE (Robert, M.A.) The Miracles of Christ. Sq. 12mo. Lond., Weeks & Co. 1863. S. 1/6. We have been agreeably disappointed in this book. The bad paper of/ends the eye, but the page bears many living, stirring thoughts. If the author preaches in this fashion we do not wonder at his popularity.

STEINMEYER (F. L., D.D., Prof. Theol, Berlin). The Miracles of our Lord in relation to Modern Criticism. Translated from the German by L. A. Wheatley. 8vo. 7/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1875. No doubt a very scholarly book, and useful to those whose heads have been muddled by other Germans, but we are weary of Teutonic answers to Teutonic scepticisms. We suppose it was needful to hunt down the rationalists, for farmers hunt down rats, but the game does not pay for the trouble.

TRENCH (R. C., D.D., Abp. of Dublin). Notes on the Miracles of our Lord. 8vo. 12/-Lond., Macmillan. 1870. Brimming with instruction. Not always to our taste in doctrine; but on the whole a work of highest merit.

Parables of our Lord [A Selection from a long list, for which see No. 1024].

ANDERSON (Charles, M.A.) New Readings of Old Parables. Cr. 8vo. 4/6. Lond., 1876. We paid four precious shillings for this book, and find seventy pages of rubbish and fifty more of advertisements. Our readers will, we hope, profit by our experience.

ARNOT (William, D.D. Died 1875). The Parables of our Lord. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., T. Nelson. 1865. We do not consider this to be up to our lamented friend's usual high mark of excellence, but it is of great value.

BOURDILLON (FRANCIS, M.A.) The Parables explained and applied Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Religious Tract Society. [N.D.] Sufficiently common and commonplace. Platitudes sleepily worded.

COLLYER (William Bengo, D.D.) Lectures on Scripture Parables. 8vo. Lond., 1815. 2/- (See No. 1006).

CUMMING (John, D.D.) Foreshadows; or, Lectures on our Lord's Parables. Cr. 8vo. Lond., 1852. 2/- (See No. 1007). The Doctor evidently prints his sermons without much revision. They axe pleasing, popular, and (of course) rather prophetic.

GRESWELL (E., B.D.) Exposition of the Parables, &e-5 vols. in 6, 8vo. Oxf, 1834. 27/-A vast heap of learning and language. The work, though padded out, stilted in style, and often fanciful, is a mine for other writers.

GUTHRIE (Thomas, D.D.) *The Parables read in the Light of the Present Day*. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Strahan. 1874. Twelve Parables treated in Dr. Guthrie's lively, sparkling manner. Flowers in abundance.

KEACH (Benj.) *Exposition*. Folio. Lond., 1701. S. 10/-, also 4 vols., 8vo. S. 10/-; and 1 vol., imp. 8vo. 1856. 10/-4. although our honored predecessor makes metaphors run on as many legs: as a centipede, he has been useful to thousands. His work is old-fashioned, but it is not to be sneered at.

KNIGHT (James, A.M.) *Discourses on the Principal Parables*. 8vo. Lond., 1829. 4/6. (See No. 1009).

LISCO (Frederick Gustav). *Parables Explained*. Fcap. 8vo. 5/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1840. S. 2/6. Largely composed of citations from Luther and Calvin. The remarks will assist in elucidating the design of the parables.

TRENCH (R. C., D.D.) *Notes on the Parables*. Eleventh edition. 8vo. 12/-Lond., Macmillan & Co. 1870. We do not like Trench's theology in many places, but he is a capital writer. The student will find a very complete list of expositions on the Parables in the appendix at the close of Trench's work.

UPJOHN (W.) *Discourses on the Parables*. 3 vols., sm. 8vo. 1824. Earnestly Calvinistic sermons, full of old-fashioned Gospel. Not very original.

Matthew [See also works on the Four Gospels.]

ABBOTT (Lyman, U.S.A.) *New Testament*. Vol. I. Matthew and Mark Sq8 vo., 9/-Lond., Hodder. 1875. Intended for workers, and likely to be useful to them.

ADAMSON (H. T., B.D.) *Matthew expounded*. Thick 8vo. 12/-Lond., Sampson Low. 1871. This book reads to us like utter nonsense. We question if anyone except the author will ever be able to make head or tail of it, and he had better be quick about it, or he will forget what he meant.

ALEXANDER (Joseph Addison, D.D.) *Matthew Explained*. Post 8vo. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1870. S. 3/6. Dr. Alexander's last work. He died before it was quite finished. It is complete to Chapter XVI. Its value is great.

BEAUSOBRE (Isaac de, 1659-1738), and L'ENFANT (Jaques, 1712-). *A New Version, with a Commentary*. 8vo. Cam&, 1790; Lond., 1823, &c. 1/6 to 3/-The brief notes are purely literal or illustrative, and are remarkably pertinent. The mass of the volume is taken up with an introduction to the New Testament.

BENHAM (W.) *Matthew, with Notes*. Cr. 8vo. Lond., National Society. [1861]. S. x/-With this in his hand a teacher would be much aided in conducting his class. It is written by a teacher for teachers. The remarks are not very profound, nor always such as we should endorse, but they are well fitted for their purpose.

BLACKWOOD (Christopher). *An Exposition upon the 'Fen First Chapters of Matthew*. 4to. 1649. 9/-This learned divine became a Baptist through studying the arguments against believers' baptism. This proves his candour. His comment is somewhat out of date, but it is still good.

CLARKE (George W.) Notes. Cr. 8vo. New York, 1870. Good notes for teachers. Well compiled. A fit companion to No. 983.

DICKSON (David). A Brief Exposition of Matthew 8 vo. 1651. 7/6. A perfect gem. The work is, to men of our school, more suggestive of sermons than almost any other we have met with.

GODWIN (John H.) New Translation, with Brief Notes. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Bagsters. 1863. Dr. Godwin is a painstaking elucidator of the word, and his plan is an excellent one. Students in college will value him.

GOODWIN (Harvey, D D., Bp. of Carlisle). Commentary. Cr. 8vo. 12/-Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1857. S. 4/-to 5/6. An important work, which may be consulted with advantage.

KELLY (William). Lectures on the Gospel of Matthew 6/-Lond., G. Morrish. 1868. We cannot accept the forced and fanciful interpretations here given.

MARLORATUS [MARLORAT] (Augustine. 1560-1562). Exposition. Translated by Thomas Tyrrore. Folio. Lond., 1570-Marlorate was an eminent French reformer, preacher, and martyr. His commentaries contain the cream of the older writers, and are in much esteem, but are very rare. He wrote on the whole New Testament, but we have in English only the Gospels and Jude.

MORISON (James, D.D.) Matthew's Memoirs of Jesus Christ. 8vo. 14/-Lond., Hamilton. 1870. We differ greatly in doctrinal views from Dr. Morison, but we set a great price upon his Matthew and Mark, which deserve the utmost praise.

OVERTON (Charles). Expository Preacher. Course of Lectures on Matthew 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., Nisbet. 1850. S. 6/6. Scarce. Solid, sound, soporific sermons; intended for lay helpers to read, with the prayers appended. They will not make the hearers lie awake at nights, or cause them palpitations of heart through excess of original and striking thought.

PARKER (Joseph, D.D.) Homiletic Analysis. Matthew 8 vo. 7/6. Lond., 1870. 3/6. Dr. Parker is an able though somewhat——. But stop, he is a near neighbor of ours.

PENROSE (John). Lectures on Matthew 12 mo. Lond., 1832. 1/6. The author says of his work, "no novelty of any kind, no originality either of thought or research will be found in it." Why, then, did he print it?

Thomas (David, D.D.) Genius of the Gospel. Homiletical Commentary. 8vo. Lond., Dickinson. 1873. 8/6. We hardly know a more suggestive book.

WARD (Richard). Theoloicall Questions, Dogmaticall Observations, and Evangelicall Essays vpon the Gospel according to Matthew. Wherein about two thousand six hundred and fifty profitable Questions are discussed; and five hundred and eighty points of Doctrine noted, &c., &c. Folio. Lond., 1640. 12/ A huge mass of comment, in which are thousands of good things mostly set forth by way of question and answer. Few could ever read it through; but to a wise minister it would be a mine of wealth.

Mark

ALEXANDER (Joseph Addison, D.D.) Mark Ex-plained. Post 8yD. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1866. S. 3/6. Alexander expounds Mark as an independent record, and does not constantly tell us to "see Matthew and Luke." Hence the book, is complete in itself, and the author's learning and care have made it, invaluable.

B. (G.) Practical Commentary on Mark, in Simple and Familiar Language. 12mo. 3/-Lond., Nisbet. 1863. The different paragraphs are treated under most suggestive headings which are the most useful parts of the book. Infant baptism is far too prominent, but the little work is likely to be very helpful.

GODWIN (John H.) Mark. A New Translation, with Note, and Doctrinal Lessons. Cr. 8yD. 4/6. Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1869. S. 2/-We like the brief doctrinal lessons, which are rather a new feature They will serve admirably well as sermon-hints. The notes and translation are really good.

GOODWIN (Harvey, D.D., Bp. of Carlisle). Commentary. Cr. 8vD. 7/6. Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1860. Contains much very helpful comment. Produced in connection with the Cambridge Working Men's College.

MORISON (James, D.D.) A Commentary. Large 8yD. 14/-Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1873. A deeply learned work; we know of none more thorough. Differing as we do from this author's theology, we nevertheless set a high price upon this production.

PETTER (George). Commentary on Mark 2 vols., folio. Lond., 1661. f1 12s. 6d. Mr. J. C. Rye says of this work: "For laborious investigation of the meaning of every word, for patient discussion of every question bearing; on the text, for fullness of matter, for real thoughtfulness, and for continued practical application, there is no work on St. Mark which, in my opinion, bears comparison with Petter's. Like Goliath's sword, there is nothing like it." We have found far less fresh thought in it than we expected, and think it rather tedious reading.

Luke [See also on the Gospels. Oosterzee in Lange is excellent.]

FOOTE (James, M.A.) Lectures on Luke 2 vols. 8vo. Third edition. Edinb., Ogle & Murray, and Oliver & Boyd; Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1858. S. 9/-We frequently consult this work, and never without finding in it things new and old. To preachers who will not steal the lectures, but use them suggestively, they will be extremely serviceable.

GODET (F., Professor of Theology, Neuchatel). Commentary on Luke. Translated by E. W. Shelders, B.A., and M.D. Cusin. 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Edinb., Clark. 1875. Dr. Meyer says: "To an immense erudition, to a living piety, Godet unites a profound feeling of reality; there is here a vivifying breath, an ardent love for the Savior, which helps the disciple to comprehend the work, the acts, the words of his Divine Master."

GOODWIN (Harvey, D.D.) Commentary on Luke. Cr. 8vo. 9/-Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1865. This writer endeavors to give the results of learning in such a manner that working men may understand them. He says many good things.

MAJOR (J. R., M.A.) Luke, with English Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1826. 3/-Notes compiled with a view to the divinity examinations at Cambridge, containing a considerable amount of information.

THOMSON (James, D.D.) Exposition of Luke, in a Series of Lectures. 3 vols., 8vo. Edinb., A. & C. Black; Lond., Longmans. 1849. 6/-to 8/- Eminently instructive. Clear good sense, freshness, and earnestness are well combined. We have had great pleasure in examining these lectures.

VAN DOREN (W. H., of Chicago). Suggestive Commentary on the New Testament, on an original plan [Luke , 2 vols., cr. 8vo., 8/-nett.] Lond., Dickinson. 187x. Well named "suggestive", it is all suggestions. It teems and swarms with homiletical hints

John

ANDERSON (Robert./1-2). Practical Exposition of John 2 vols., 12mo. Lond., 1841. 4/-By an evangelical clergyman: sound, but not very original.

AUGUSTINE. Commentary on John 2 vols. of Works of Augustine, now in course of issue by T. & T. Clark. Edinb.

" " Homilies on the Gospel and First Epistle of John 2 vols. of the Library of the Fathers, 30/-; or to subscribers, 22/6. Lond. and Oxf, Jas. Parker & Co. To the wise a mine of treasure. Augustine is often fanciful; but even his fancies show a master-mind. Much that passes for new is stolen from this prince of theologians.

BEITH (Alexander, D.D.) Expository Discourses. Cr. 8vo. Lond., Nisbet. 1857. 3/6. Discourses which must have been very profitable to the hearers. Students will do better with works which are more condensed.

BESSER (Rudolph, D.D.) Biblical Studies on John. Trans-lated from the German by M. G. Huxtable. 2 vols. cr. 8vo. 15/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark./1-2. "The character of this commentary is practical and devotional. There are often very exquisite devotional passages, and a vein of earnest piety runs through the whole work."—Literary Churchman.

BROWN (George J., M.A.) Lectures, forming a Continuous Commentary. 5 vols., 8vo. Lond., Rivingtons. 1863. S. 5/6. The plan of this work will prevent its being widely used; but its execution strikes us as being uncommonly able. It is a gathering up of other men's materials and an amalgamation of them. It is intensely Episcopalian, even to Baptismal Regeneration, yet it brings a good deal of light to bear on the Gospel of John, and, if to be met with at a very low figure, it is not to be passed by.

DRUMMOND (D. T. K., B.A.) Exposition of the Last Nine Chapters of John 12 mo. Seeleys. 1850. 2/-Good, but not very striking.

DUNWELL (Francis Henry, B.A.) Commentary on the Authorised Version of John, compared with the Sinaitic, Vatican, and Alexandrian Manuscripts, and also with Dean Alford's revised translation. 8vo. 15/-Lond., J. T. Hayes. 1872. S. 10/-The notes from various authors are good, and the various readings are useful; but we fail to see any very special value in the volume. The interpretation of the Third of John is eminently unsatisfactory; Mr. Dunwell teaches Baptismal Regeneration.

FAWCETT (John, A.M./1-2). Exposition of John 3 vols., 8vo., 21/-Lond., Hatchards. 1860. S. 8/-Good, evangelical sermons.

HENGSTENBERG (E. W., D.D.) Commentary on John 2 vols., 8vo. 21/.. Edinb., Clark. 1868. S. 8/6. Like others of this author's works: solid, but dry.

HUTCHESON (George). Exposition of John. Folio. Lond., 1657. Reprinted, roy. 8vo. Lond., Ward. 1841. 4/-to 6/. Excellent; beyond all praise. It is a full-stored treasury of sound theology, holy thought, and marrowy doctrine.

MEYER (H. A. W., D.D.) See No. 928.

O'CONNOR (W. A.) Commentary. Cr. 8vo. 10/6. Lond., Longmans. 1872. In this translation the first verse runs thus: "In origin the Word was, and the Word was the Deity, and the Word was Deity." Who likes this, or understands it? The notes do not charm us.

SHEPHERD (R., D.D.) Notes on the Gospel and Epistles of John 4 to. Lond., 1796. Imp. 8vo. Lond., Murray. 1841. S. 3/6. Though the author opposed Socinianism, we cannot but regard his views as an introduction to that heresy. The spirit of the book is vicious.

THOLUOK (Augustus F., D.D., Ph.D.) Commentary. 8vo. 9/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1860. S. 4/6. More spiritual than is usual with German theologians, and quite as scholarly as the best of them.

TITTMANN (K. C., Theol. Prof./1-2). Commentary. vols., cr. 8vo. 8/-Bib. Cab. Edinb., T. Clark. 1844. S. 4/6. Horne, in speaking of this work in the German, without endorsing all Tittmann's opinions, declares it to be the most valuable commentary on John extant in so small a form. Our judgment is less commendatory.

TRAHERON (Bartholomew. Died 1716.) An Exposition of a Parte of S. Johannes Gospel made in sondrie readings in the English Congregation, 12mo. 1558. Very rare, 30/-A little quaint old book. Not intrinsically worth the price, nor a tenth of it.

VAN DOREN (W. H., D.D.) Suggestive Commentary on John, Vol. I., containing chap. I.—IX. Cr. 8vo. 5/-nett. Vol II. in the press. Lond., Dickinson. 1872. Dr men who read this volume do not preach the better for so doing, it is not Mr. Van Doren's fault; they must be Van Dolts by nature, though they may ignore the family name.

Parts of John [A selection of authors is all we can give.]

HILDERSHAM (Arthur). Lectures on John IV. Folio. Lond., 1628 and 1656. 4/-to 6/-. 4 mass of godly teaching'; but rather heavy reading'.

TURNER (Samuel, H., D.D.) Essay on our Lord's Discourse at Capernaum, recorded in John VI. Cr. 8vo. New York, 1851. S. 2/-Written with the immediate view of combating the errors of Dr., afterwards Cardinal, Wiseman, who appeals to this chapter for proofs of" the real presence."

PATTERSON (John B., of Falkirk). Lectures on John XIV, XV, and XVI. Cr. 8vo. Edinb., T. Clark. 1859. S. 2/-Solid discourses, containing much thought happily expressed. Yet withal somewhat laborious reading.

ALEXANDER (Thomas, D.D.) Great High Priest within the Vail. John XVII. 18mo. Lond., 1857. 1/3. Sound theology and honest exposition, Multum in parvo.

BROWN (John, D.D.) Exposition of John XVII. 8vo. Lond., Hamilton, 1850. S. 5/-Dr. Brown is always deep, full, and overflowing.

BURGESS (Anthony). One Hundred and Forty-five Sermons on John XVII. Folio. Lond., 1656. 7/6. ,4 standard work by a great Puritan. Somewhat prolix.

LANDELS (William, D.D.) The Savior's Parting Prayer for his Disciples. 12mo. 3/6. Lond., Elliot Stock. 1872. Sermons of a high order: style admirable, but rather diffuse. To be estimated rather from a homiletical than an expository point of view.

NEWTON (George. 1602-1680. John XVII. Unfolded. Folio. Lond., 1660. Reprinted in Nichol's Commentaries. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1867. S. 4/. If not one of the chief of the Puritans, Newton was but little behind the front rank in ability. Joseph Alleine was his assistant minister at Taunton. His writings are plain and profitable.

PIERCE (Samuel EYLES). Exposition of the Lord's Prayer, in John XVII. 8vo. 1812. 4/6. ,41ways sweet as honey to those of strong Calvinistic views.

Acts of the Apostles [See also under Gospels.]

ALEXANDER (Joseph Addison, D.D.) The Acts Explained. 2 vols., 8vo. 15/-Lond., Nisbet. 1869. In all respects a work of the highest merit.

ALFORD (Henry, D.D.) Homilies on the former part of the Acts of the Apostles. Ch. I.—X. 8vo. 8/-Lond., Rivingtons. 1858. S. 2/6. Not so good as his critical notes; but such an author always deserves attention.

ARNOT (William, D.D.) The Church in the House. Post 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1873. Intended to be read in families on Sabbath afternoons; but all who are acquainted with Dr. Arnot will know that even his simplest expositions are rich and full. He hath dust of gold.

BAUMGARTEN (M., Ph.D.) Apostolic History. 3 vols., 8vo. 27/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1854. S. 10/6. An exposition at once profoundly scientific and sublimely Christian, one of the most pressing wants of our times."—Eclectic Review. Alford calls it excellent, though somewhat fanciful.

BENNETT (James, D.D.) Lectures on the Acts 8 vo. Lond., 1847. 5/6 to 4/-A good specimen of plain and popular pulpit exposition. Dr. Bennett fights very earnestly for the Congregationalist view of Baptism, for which we do not blame him; for common humanity leads us to admire a man who struggles for a weak cause.

BENSON (George, D.D. 1699-1763). History of the first planting of the Christian Religion. 3 vols., 4to. Lond., 1756. 4/-to 6/6. Dull, but displaying considerable research. Benson was an Arian.

BONAR (H., D.D.) Light and Truth. Vol. III. (See No. 6.)

BOUCHIER (Barton, A.M.) Manna in the House; or, Daily Expositions of the Acts 12 mo. Lond., 1858. S 1/6 to 2/6. Superior family reading. Bouchier did not write for students, but for households, yet even the more advanced may learn from him.

BREWSTER (John, M.A.) Lectures on the Acts 8 vo. 1830. 3/6. A sip of Yawsan or Hackett is worth a barrel of these weak and watery prelections.

CALVIN (John). Commentaries upon the Acts. Translated by C. Featherstone. 4to. Lond., 1585. 6/-This forms the basis of the Calvin Translation Society's edition.

COOK (F. C., M.A., Canon of Chester). The Acts, with a Commentary. 8vo. 12/6. Lond., Longmans. 1866. S. 2/6. Contains many useful notes, instructive to fairly educated readers.

CRADOCK (Samuel, B.D.) The Apostolical History, containing the Acts, Labors, Travels, Sermons, &c., of the Apostles. Folio..Lond., 1762. 5/ 7'illoison, Reynolds, Doddridge, and others highly commend the works of this Puritan writer. The style in which the "Apostolical History" is got up is most uninviting; the book is nearly all italics. Many modern works far excel it.

DENTON (W.,M.A.) Commentary on the Acts 2 vols., 8vo. [Vol. I. only issued. 18/-] Zend., G. Bell. 1874. A complete list of all authors upon the Acts will be found in this very learned and exhaustive work. We do not always agree with the author, but he has done his work thoroughly well.

DICK (John, D.D./1-/2). Lectures on the Acts. Sm. 8vo. Glasg., 1848. 4/-Interesting lectures upon selected portions of the Acts. This work has been reprinted in America, whence we obtained a copy of the second edition 3 this shows that it has been highly esteemed.

DU VEIL (C. M., D.D. A learned converted yew. Died about 1700). Explanation of the Acts 8 vo. Lond., 1685. Reprinted by Hansard Knollys Society. 8vo. 1851. 4/-to 6/-Claude's prefatory letter highly commends this work. The author defends the immersion of believers with earnestness.

FAWCETT (John, M.A.) Exposition of the Acts 3 vols., 8vo. 21/-Lond., Hatchards. 1860. S. 5/- 4 fine series of expository discourses. Sometimes we differ.

FORD (J., M.A.) The Acts, illustrated from Ancient and Modern Authors. 8vo. 12/-Lond., Masters. 1856. (See No. 955)

GLOAG (Paton J., D.D.) Commentary on the Acts 2 vols., demy 8vo, 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1870. Dr. Hackett says aye Dr. Gloag's work: "I have examined it with special care. For my purposes I have found it unsurpassed by any similar work in the English language. It shows a thorough mastery of the material, philology, history, and literature pertaining to this range of study, and a skill in the use of this knowledge, which places it in the first class of modern expositions."

GUALTHERUS (Rodolphus. 1529-1586). A Hundred Threescore and Fifteen Homelyes or Sermons vppon the Actes of the Apostles, made by Radulphe Gualthere, of Tigurine, and Translated out of Latine [by John Bridges, Vicare of Herne]. Folio. Black Letter. Lond., 1572. 30/-Full of Protestantism. The author judged that, as Luke who wrote the Act was a physician, his book was meant to be medicine to the Church.

HACKETT (Horatio B., D.D.) Commentary on the Original Text of the Acts. [Several American editions. Reprinted in 2 vols., in The Bunyan Library.] 7/ to 10/-Hackett occupies the first position among commentators upon the '4cts. The Bunyan Library edition omits some of his most valuable critical observations.

HODGSON (Robert, D.D., Dean of Carlisle). Lectures upon the first Seventeen Chapters of the Acts 8 vo. Lond., 1845. 1/6. Deficient in Gospel clearness, and in every other respect, except ardent churchism.

HUMPHRY (William GILSON, B.D.) Commentary on the Acts. Second edition. 8vo. Lond., J. w. Parker & Song of Solomon. 1854. 3/ Exegetical remarks upon the Greek text. Very good from a philological point of view, but professedly of an elementary character.

KELLY (W.) Lectures Introductory to the Study of the Acts, Catholic Epistles, and Revelation. Cr. 8vo. 5/-and., Broom. 1870. S. 3/-By a man "who, born for the universe, narrowed his mind" by Darbyism.

LANGE (J.P.) Commentary: from the German of Lechler and Gerock. 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Edinb., Clark. 1864. S. 10/6. Also 1 vol., imp. 8vo. 21/- (Seepage 19.) Adds nothing to our knowledge of the Acts; but the homiletical hints are useful.

LIGHTFOOT (John, D.D./1-/2). Commentary. Edited by J. R. Pitman, A.M. 8vo. 1823. [Vol. VIII. of Lightfoot's Works.] Few now-a-days will care for this author, whose learning ran mostly in Talmudical channels. He was profound, but not always discreet.

MACBRIDE (John DAVID, D.D.) Lectures on the Acts and Epistles. 8vo. Oxf, 1858. 2/6. This author simply gives a continuous narrative. He has also written on the Gospels. We mention him that the student may not purchase his work as a Commentary.

MASKEW (T. R., B.A.) Annotations on the Acts. With College and Senate-House Examination Papers. 121110. Camb., 1847. 1/6. A handbook to the Acts, viewing it simply as a Greek book; prepared for the use of students passing through the university.

MIMPRISS (R.) The Acts and Epistles, according to Gres-well's Arrangement. 8vo. 1837. 2/-A handy book for teachers.

NEANDER (J. A.W.) History of the Planting and Training of the Christian Church by the Apostles. Translated by J. E. Ryland. 2 vols., cr. 8vo. 3/6 each. Lond., Bohn's Library, Bell & Sons. 1851. S. 4/6. Also in Cabinet Library. The work rather of an historian than of a commentator. Bold, devout, learned, and, on the whole, sound. The result of wide research, and deep learning.

NORRIS (J.P., MA.) Key to the Acts. Sm. 8vo. 2/6. Lond., Rivingtons. 1871. A well-executed sketch of the Acts of the Apostles, giving the student a clear idea of the run of the book. Like the same author's "Key to the Gospels" (No. 963), it would be most useful in Bible classes.

OLSHAUSEN (H., D.D.) See No. 964. Denton says that "this is a brief, hasty, and not well-digested supplement to Olshausen's volumes on the Gospels." He thinks all the German writers to be much overrated, and we are much of his mind.

PYLE (T., M.A./1-/2). Paraphrase. 2 vols., 8vo. 1795. 2/-This pile of printed paper may safely be left on the bookseller's shelves.

STIER (Rudolph, D.D.) The Words of the Apostles. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1869. Devout, scholarly, full of thought. To be used discreetly,.

STOCK (Eugene). Lessons on the Acts. For Sunday School Teachers and other Religious Instructors. 8VO. 2/6. Lond., Ch. of England S. School Institute. 1874. For half-a-crown the teacher may here obtain one of the most useful books known to us. Though produced for members of the Church of England, we recommend it heartily to ministers and others who are

preparing addresses to the young.

THOMAS (David, D.D.) Homiletic Commentary on the Acts 8 vo. Lond., Dickinson. 1870. 6/6. Many of the homiletic outlines strike us as "much ado about nothing "; still, if a man should read this work and get no help from it, it would be his own fault.

THOMSON (James, D.D.) Exposition of the Acts 8 vo. Lond., A. Hall, Virtue, & Co. 1854. S. 216. We fail to see much here of service to a preacher.

TROLLOPE (W., M.A.) Commentary on the Acts, with Examination Questions, for the B.A. Degree. 12mo. Cam&, 1854. 2/6. Well adapted to accomplish the design indicated in the title.

VAUGHAN (Charles J., D.D.) Lectures. 3 vols. Fcap. 8vo. 4/6 each. Lond., Macmillan. 1864, &c. Not only does Dr. Vaughan expound his texts in the ablest manner, but he introduces passages of Scripture so aptly that he suggests discourses. Bating his Churchianity, we cannot too highly commend him.

Lives of the Apostles, etc.

KITTO (John, D.D.) "The Apostles and the Early Church." Daily Bible Illustrations. (See No. 41.)

BAUR (Ferdinand Christian, D.D.) Paul, his Life and Works. From the German. 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Lond., William & Norgates./1-/2. Of the very Broad Church school. Not at all to our mind.

BEVAN (Joseph Gurney). Life of Paul. 8vo. Lond., 1807. 2/-For the Society of Friends. Contains nothing which adds to our information upon 'the life of Paul. It may have been useful in its day, but it is superseded.

BINNEY (Thomas, D.D.) Paul: his Life and Ministry. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1870. Mr. Binney says, "This work is strictly an outline of' the life of St. Paul, and it is nothing more." It is a capital preparation for reading. Lea, in and Conybeare and Howson.

BLUNT (Henry, A.M.) Lectures upon the History of St. Paul. 2 vols., 12mo. Sixth edition. Lond., 1835. 2/6. Printed in such large and widely-leaded type that a very little matter goes a long way. Very good, but not striking.

CONYBEARE (W. J., M.A.) and HOWSON (J. S., D.D., Dean of Chester). Life and Epistles of St. Paul. Library edition. 2vols., 4to. 48/-Intermediate edition, 2vols., sq. cr. 8vo. 21/-Student's edition, condensed, 1 vol., cr. 8vo. 9/-Lond., Macmillan & Co. Far superior to any other work on the subject. It stands like some o'ertopping Alp, a marvel among Scriptural biographies. We have not space to mention Howson's minor works connected with Paul, but they are all good.

EADIE (John, D.D., LL.D.) Paul, the Preacher. An Exposition of his Discourses and Speeches, as recorded in the Acts. Cr. 8vo. Lond., Griffin. 1859. S. 3/6. Designed to give ordinary readers a juster and fuller conception of the doctrine and life-work of the apostle., An able work.

LEWIN (Thomas, M.A., F.S.A., Barrister-at-Law). Life and Epistles of St. Paul. Second edition, much enlarged. 2 vols., demy 4to. 42//Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1875. [Second-hand copies of first edition, 1851. 6//to 9/-] Dr. Gloag in his Commentary on the Acts says: "Two works are especially instructive, and deserve careful perusal. The Life and Epistles of St. Paul, by Lewin, and the

classical work on the same subject by Conybeare and Howson. In the former the historical connections of the Acts are chiefly stated, and in the latter its geographical relations."

LYTTLETON (George, LORD). Observations on the Conversion and Apostleship of St. Paul. In a letter to Gilbert West, Esq. 8vo. Lond., 1747. [Numerous editions. The Tract Society's edition. Fcap. 8vo. 3/'] Gilbert West and his friend Lord Lyttleton, both men of acknowledged talents, had imbibed the principles of infidelity from a superficial view of the Scriptures. Fully persuaded that the Bible was an imposture, they were determined to expose the cheat. West chose the Resurrection of Christ, and Lord Lyttleton the Conversion of St. Paul, for the subject of hostile criticism. Both sat down to their respective tasks, full of prejudice, and a contempt for Christianity. The result of their separate attempts was that they were both converted by their endeavors to overthrow the truth of Christianity! They came together, not as they expected, to exult over an imposture exposed to ridicule, but to lament their folly, and to congratulate each other on their joint conviction, that the Bible was the word of God. Their able enquiries have furnished two most valuable treatises in favor of revelation; one, entitled "Observations on the Conversion of St. Paul," and the other, "Observations on the Resurrection of Christ."

MACDUFF (J. R., D.D.) St. Paul in Rome. Cr. 8vo. 4/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1871. S. 2/6. Sermons preached in Rome, into which are ably introduced eloquent mention of the existing traditions and remains which associate the Apostle with that great city.

BISCOE (Richard, M.A.,—Preb. of St. Paul's. Died 1748). History of the Acts of the Apostles. Confirmed from other Authors, and considered as full evidence of the Truth of Christianity. 8vo. Oxf., 1840. 4/-1132

PALEY (William, D.D./1-/2). Horae Paulinae. Numerous editions. The Religious Tract Society publishes the Horae Paulinae, with Notes, and Horae Apostolicae, by Rev. T. Birks. 12mo. 3/-

TATE (James, Canon of St.-Paul's). The Horae Paulinae carried out and illustrated. 8vo. Lond., 1840. Though not commentaries, the three works just mentioned are sources of information not to be neglected by the student of the Acts.

RIVINGTON (Francis). Life and Writings of St. Paul. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Sampson Low & Co. 1874. S. 2/-Nobody possessing Conybeare and Howson will need this work, though in the absence of better this would have been serviceable.

SMITH (Thornley). Saul of Tarsus. 2/-and 2/6. Lond., J, Blackwood & Co. S. 1/3. Thornley Smith always deserves attentive reading.

BLUNT (Henry, A.M.) Lectures upon the History of St. Peter. 12mo. Lond., 1830. 1/- (For remarks, see No. 1125).

GREEN (Samuel G., D.D., President of Rawdon College). The Apostle Peter' his Life and Lessons. 12mo. 3/-Lond., S. School Union. 1873. Contains a large amount of needful information, condensed and:well arranged. Dr. Green is the writer on Peter's biography.

KRUMMACHER (F. W., D.D.) St. John the Evangelist. 12mo. Bib. Cabinet. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. S. 3/' The author's name is a sufficient guarantee. He has also written on Cornelius and Stephen.

GOULBURN (Edward MEYRICK, D.D., Dean of Norwich). Acts of the Deacons: Lectures on Acts VI.—IX. Sin. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Rivingtons. 1869. S. 2/9. An interesting topic well handled.

The Apostolical Epistles

BENSON (George, D.D./1-/2). Paraphrase and Notes on x & 2 Thessalonians , 1 & 2 Timothy, Philemon, Titus, and the Seven Catholic Epistles. 2 vols., 4to. x 734. 6/-to 8/-Benson has closely followed Lock's method, though scarcely with equal footsteps, and has paraphrased those Epistles which Locke did not live to complete. In the consecutive reading of an Epistle Locke and Benson are great assistants, but as Benson was an Arian he must be read with great caution. (See No. 1148).

DENTON (W.) Commentaries on the Epistles for Sundays and Holy Days. 2 vols., 8vo. 36/-Lond., G. Bell & Co./1-/2. S.21/-Will be a treasure to Churchmen. Denton is a good author.

DICKSON (David). Exposition of all the Epistles. Folio. Lond. 1659. 12/-to 15/- Dickson is a writer after our own heart. For preachers he is a great ally. There is nothing brilliant or profound; but everything is clear and well arranged, and the unction runs down like the oil from Aaron's head. In this volume the observations are brief.

ELLICOTT (Charles J., D.D., Bp. of Gloucester and Bristol). Commentary on St. Paul's Epistles. 5 vols., 8vo. Galatians, 8/6; Ephesians, 8/6; Pastoral Epistles, 10/6; Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon 1:10/6; Thessalonians, 7/6. Lond., Longmans./1-/2. S. 3 1/6. Dr. Eadie says, "Ellicott is distinguished by close and uniform adherence to grammatical canon, without much expansion into exegesis." Dr. Riddle thinks Ellicott to be in many respects without an English rival. For scholars only.

FERGUSON (James). Exposition of the Epistles to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thes-salonians. 8vo. Edinb., 1659-74. 8/-to 10/6. Re-printed, 1 vol., large 8vo. Lond., 1841. 3/-to 5/6. /re who possesses this work is rich. The author handles his matter in the same manner as Hutcheson and Dickson, and he is of their class—a grand, gracious, savory divine.

GLOAG (Paton J., D.D.) Introduction to the Pauline Epistles. 8vo. 12/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1874. Not an exposition, but an exceedingly valuable introduction, illustrating the design, date, and circumstances of the inspired letters.

JOWETT (Benjamin, M.A., Regius Professor, Oxford). Epistles to the Thessalonians, Galatians, and Romans [Greek and English]; with Critical Notes. 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., Murray. 1859. S. f2 2s. to f2 los. Professor Jowett's most unseemly attack on Paul, as an apostle, as a thinker, as a writer, and as a man, only proves his own incapacity for forming a /just judgment either of the apostle or of himself.

KELLY (William). Lectures Introductory to the Study of Paul's Epistles, Demy 8vo. 5/' Lond., G. Morrish. 1869. S. 3/' Of the same character as Mr. Kelly's other works. (See 2Vo. 1220).

LOCKE (John, M.A./1-/2). Paraphrase and Notes on the Epistles to the Galatians, Corinthians, Romans, and Ephesians 4 to. Lond., 1733. Also 8vo. editions. 2/6. Anything from such a man is worthy of attention, and this piece, as a protest against rending texts from their connection, is most

judicious. The paraphrase, though open to criticism, is executed with great candor, and really illuminates the text. (See Benson, No. 1140).

LYTH (John, D.D.) The Homiletical Treasury. Romans to Philipians. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Elliot Stock. 1869. The plan of this book is surpassingly useful, but Dr. Lyth does not carry it out to our satisfaction. It is easy to divide an egg by letting it drop on the floor, and in this fashion this author divides texts.

MACKNIGHT (J., D.D./1-/2). Translation with Commentary and Notes. 6 vols., 8vo, 1816; also 4 vols., 8vo., and 1 vol., royal 8vo. 10/-To be read with great caution. We do not admire this author.

MARSTON (Charles Dallas, M.A.) Expositions on the Epistles. 12mo. 3/6. Lond., J. F. Shaw & Co. 1868. S. 1/9. Expositions of each Epistle as a whole. An admirable method of instruction. To do this in a popular style is as praiseworthy as it is difficult. Mr. Marston has succeeded.

PAGET (Alfred T., M.A.) On the Unity and Order of the Epistles of St. Paul. 8vo. Lond., Rivingtons. 1851. 1/-Suggests a rich vein for the student's own working. Few, we fear, will carry it out, but these will prize the Epistles more than others.

PEILE (T. W., D.D.) Annotations on the Apostolical Epistles, for the use of Students of the Greek Text. 4 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1848-52. Anticalvinistic doctrine, and in style involved, obscure, and terribly parenthetical. The purchase of the volumes would be a heavy investment.

PRICHARD (C. E., M.A.) Commentary. Ephesians, Philipians, and Colossians. Lond., Rivingtons. 1865. S. 1/6. Not too diffuse: among the notes are some admirable hints which may be worked out. The book is a small one for so large a subject.

SLADE (James, M.A.) Annotations on the Epistles. For the use of Candidates for Holy Orders. 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1836. 5/' This is practically a continuation of Elsley's work (No. 954), which closed with the Acts. Notes dry and sapless, but from a literary point of view respectable.

Romans

[Our space does not permit us to repeat the names of authors mentioned under Acts and Apostolical Epistles, but we urge the student carefully to refer thereto.]

Adam (Thomas). Paraphrase on Romans I. to XI. 8vo. 1774; 12mo. 1805. 1/6 to 2/- A poor paraphrase; very correct and evangelical, but thin as Adam's ale. We are disappointed, for the "Private Thoughts" of the same author are highly esteemed.

ANDERSON (Robert, of Brighton,/1-/2). Exposition of Romans 12 mo. Lond., 1837. 2/6. After the manner of Charles Bridges. Full of holy unction and devout meditation.

BROWN (John, of Wamphray). Exposition of Romans 4 to. Edinb., 1766. 10/-to 12/-By a Calvinist of the old school. Heavy, perhaps; but precious.

BROWN (John, D.D., Edinb.) Analytical Expositions of Romans. Large 8vo. 14/-Edinb., W. Oliphant & Co. 1857. S. 7/-to 9/-Dr. Brown's work must be placed among the first of the first-class. He is a great expositor.

CALVIN (John). Commentary on Romans. Trans, lated by Christopher Roodell. 4to., Black Letter, 1583. 9/-Also sm. 8vo., with Life, by Beza. 1834. 2/9.

CHALLIS (James, M.A., F.R.S., F.R.A.S.) Translation o! Romans, with Notes. 8vo. 4/-Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1871. The translation is made in the current language of the day. The notes are mainly critical.

CHALMERS (T., D.D.) Lectures on Romans 4 vols., 8vo. 1827. 4 vols., 12mo. Edinb., Edmonston & Co. 1854. S. 8/6. Our preferences as to expositions lie in another direction; but we cannot be insensible to the grandeur and childlike simplicity which were combined in Chalmers.

EDWARDS (Timothy, A.M.) Paraphrase, with Annotations, on Romans and Galatians 4 to. Lond., 1752. 2/6. Watt calls this a judiciously compiled work from the best comments. We judge it to be poor as poverty itself.

EWBANK (W. W.) Commentary, with Translation and Notes. 2 vols., post 8va. Zend., J. w. Parker. 1850. S. 3/-A sound evangelical comment, very good and gracious. In condensed thought this work is not rich: it is adapted for general reading.

FORD (J., M.A.). Romans. Illustrated from Ch. of England Divines. 8va. 12/-Masters, 1862. S. 7/-(See No. 955).

FORBES (John, LL.D.) Analytical Commentary, tracing the Train of Thought by the Aid of Parallelism, with Notes, &c. 8va. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1868. We think Dr. Forbes carries the idea of parallelism further than it should go. It can only be applied strictly to poetical books, which Romans is not. He tries to bring out the other side of the truths taught in Hodge, Edwards, and Calvin; but we confess our preference of those authors to himself. The work will greatly edify those whom it does not confuse.

FRY (John, B.A.) Lectures. 8va. Lond., 1816. 2/-Having no theory to serve in this instance, Fry writes to edification.

GODWIN (John H., Hon. Prof., New Call., Land.) New Trans-lation, with Notes. 8va. 6/6. Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1873. Such a book as students need while studying the Greek text in college.

HALDANE (R. 1764-1842). Exposition: with Remarks on the Commentaries of Macknight and others. 8va. 12/6. Edinb., W. Oliphant & Co. 1874. S. 9/-Dr. Chalmers styled this "a well-built commentary," and strongly recommended it to students of theology. In his "Sabbath Readings" he writes: "I am reading 'Haldane's Exposition of the Epistle to the Romans,' and find it solid and congenial food."

HINTON (J. Howard.) Exposition. 8va. 6/-Lond., 1863. S. 1/6. Not believing in the constant parallelism of the Epistles, we care very little for this treatise, much as we esteem the author.

HODGE (Charles). Commentary. 8va. Philadelphia, 1835, &c. Reprinted by Rel. Tract Society, 12mo. 3/-Hodge's method and matter make him doubly useful in commenting. He is singularly clear, and a great promoter of thought.

KELLY (William). Notes. 12mo. 2/6. Lond., G. Morrish. 1873. Many of the remarks are admirable, but the theories supported are untenable.

KNIGHT (Robert). Commentary. 8va. Lond., 1854. 2/6. Not at all to our mind. The author often seems to us rather to becloud the text than to explain it.

LANGE (J.P., D.D.) and FAY (F. R.) Commentary on Romans. (See page 19, and No. 923).

MARTYR (Peter./1-/2). A most learned and fruitful Commentary on Romans. Folio. 1568. 3a/-Being in black letter, and very long, few will ever read it; but it contains much that will repay the laborious book-worm.

OLSHAUSEN (H., D.D.) Commentary on Romans 8 vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1850. Nobody seems very enthusiastic as to Olshausen, but some authors have borrowed from his pages more than they have confessed. Personally we do not care for him, but many prize and all respect him.

PARR (Elnathan, B.D.) A Short View of the Epistle to the Romans. [Chap. I.; II., I, 2; and VIII. to XVI.] This Exposition forms nearly the whole of "The Workes" of Parr. Fourth edition. Small folio. 1651. 10/-The quartos do not contain the Exposition of Chap. I. and II. The style is faulty, but the matter is rich and full of suggestions. We regret that the work is not complete, and is seldom to be met with except in fragments.

PLUMER (William S., D.D., LL.D.) Commentary, with Introduction on the Life, Times, Writings, and Character of Paul. Imp. 8vo. 14/-Edinb., W. Oliphant. IN. D.] Plumer is a laborious compiler, and to most men his works will be of more use than those of a more learned writer.

PRIDHAM (Arthur). Notes. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Yapp. 1862. Sound and gracious, but somewhat dull.

PURDUE (E., A.M.) Commentary on Romans 8 vo. Dub., 1855. 1/6. Not important.

ROBINSON (T., D.D.) Suggestive Commentary on Romans. [Van Doren Series of Commentaries.] 2 vols., cr. 8vo. 8/-nett. Lond., Dickinson & Higham. 1871. A good book in a good style. Worth any amount to preachers.

STEPHEN (John, A.M.) Expositions on Romans. A Series of Lectures. 12mo. Aberd., 1857. 2/6. Sound in doctrine, practical in tone; above mediocrity.

STUART (Moses.) Commentary on Romans 8 vo. 6/-Lond., W. Tegg & Co. S. 3/6. Moses Stuart is judged to have been at his best in Romans and Hebrews. The present work is in some points unsatisfactory, on account of certain philosophico-theological views which he endeavors to maintain. Mr. Haldane denounced him as by false criticism "misrepresenting the divine testimony in some of the most momentous points of the Christian scheme." The charge was too true.

TERROT (C. H., A.M., B P. of Edinburgh). Romans [in Greek], with Introduction, Paraphrase, and Notes. 8vo. Lond., 1828. x/6. Anti-Calvinistic. Why do not such writers let Romans alone?

THOLUCK (A. F.) Exposition of Romans 2 vols., fcap. 8vo. 8/-Bib. Cabinet Series. Edinb., T. Clark. 1842. S. 4/-Moses Stuart confesses his great obligations to this eminent divine, who far exceeds the most of his German brethren in spirituality, and is not behind them in scholarship; yet even he is none too orthodox nor too reverent in his treatment of Holy Scripture.

VAUGHAN (Charles John, D.D.) Romans. The Greek Text, with English Notes. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Macmillan & Co. 1874. S. 4/-Very valuable to students of the Greek. The result of independent study and honest labor.

WALFORD (W.) Curae Romaine. 12mo. Lond., 1846. x/6. Walford makes comments of considerable value; he does not stand in the front rank, but his mediocrity is respectable.

WARDLAW (Ralph, D.D.) Lectures on Romans 3 vols., cr. 8vo. 3/6 each. Lond., Fullarton & Co. 1861. Wardlaw interprets with great sobriety and spirituality, and we never consult him in vain, though we do not always agree with him.

WILLET (Andrew). Hexapla: that is, a Sixfold Commentary upon Romans. Folio. 1611. 6/-to 7/6. (See No. 142.)

WilliamS (H. W., Wesleyan 3finislet). Exposition. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., 66, Paternoster Row. 1869. S. 2/6. This epistle has a fascination for Arminian writers; it affords them an opportunity for showing their courage and ingenuity. Mr. Williams's book is instructive.

WILSON (Thomas. Puritan. Died 1621). Commentary on Romans 4 to. Lond., 1614. Folio, 1627 and 1653. 3/6 to 5/6. Intended for the less-instructed among the preacher's hearers, and put into the form of a dialogue. It is very solid, but does not contain much which is very striking or original.

SCLATER (W., D.D. Died 1626). A Key to the Key of Scripture; or an Exposition, with Notes, upon the Romans, Chap. I., II., III. 4to. 1611 and 1629. 4/ An antique, but precious book.

MORISON (James, D.D.) Exposition of the Third Chapter of Romans 8 vo. 12/6. Lond., Hamilton. 1866. S. 7/6. .4. scholarly and exhaustive exposition. When we do not agree with Dr. Morison, we pay homage to his great learning and critical skill.

FRASER (James. 1700-1796). The Doctrine o! Sanctification. Explication of Romans VI. to VIII./1-/2. 8vo. Edinb., 1830. Offered, new, by Ogle & Murray, 2/6. Dr. John Brown says: "Fraser's Scripture Doctrine of Sanctification is well worth studying. 2'he old Scotch divine is rude in speech, but not in knowledge."

ELTON (Edward, B.D.) Sundry Sermons upon Romans VII., VIII., and IX. Folio. Lond., 1653. 8/-to m/-The style is plain and homely, but the matter is aye the choicest kind. This old folio is like an old skin bottle, with a rough exterior, but filled within with the product of the rarest vintage. Such boo/es as this we never tire of reading.

KOHLBRUGGE (H. F., D.D., of E1berfeld). Romans VII., paraphrased, 12mo. Lond., 1854. S. 1/6. An instructive rendering of this deeply experimental chapter.

BINNING (Hugh. 1627-1653). The Sinner's Sanctuary. Forty-eight Sermons on Romans VIII. 4to. 1670. Also Vols. I. and II. of his Works. 3 vols., 12mo. Edinb., 1839. 3/-to 4/6. The writer of Binning's Memoir says: "There is a pure stream of piety and learning running through the whole, and a very peculiar turn of thought, which exceeds the common rate of writers on this choice part of the Holy Scriptures."

HORTON (Thomas, D.D.) Forty-six Sermons on Romans VIII. Lond. Folio. 1674. 3/' Full of matter, well, but rather too formally, arranged. The sermons are very prim and orderly.

WINSLOW (Octavius, D.D.) No Condemnation in Christ. [On Romans VIII.] Cr. 8vo. 7//—Lond., Shaw. 1860. Dr. Winslow is always sound and sweet; but his works are better adapted for general readers than for students. He is extremely diffuse.

1 & 2 Corinthians [See also under Apostolical Epistles.]

BILLROTH (Dr. Gustav. 1808-1836). Commentary on the Epistles to the Corinthians. 2 vols., 12mo. 8/-Bib Cabinet Series. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. S. 2/9. To be prized for its criticism. The author tries to bring forth from each passage the sense which the Apostle intended it to convey. Observations and reflections there are none; but we are not among those who throw away "the dry bones of criticism"—bones are as needful as meat though not so nourishing.

CALVIN (John). Commentarie upon Corinthians. Translated by Thomas Tymme. 4to. 1577. 15/- Tymme seems to have been constantly occupied in translating the Reformers, and to have done his work well.

HODGE (Charles, D.D.) Exposition of I. Corinthians. Post 8vo. 5/-1868. Exposition of II. Corinthians. Post 8vo. 5/-1869. Lond., Nisbet. The more we use Hodge, the more we value him. This applies to all his commentaries.

LANGE (J.P.) Commentary on I. and II. Corinthians, by C. F. Kluig, D.D. (See page 19.)

LOTHIAN (W.) Lectures on I. & II. Corinthians. 8vo. Edinb., 1828. This work must have done good service in its day, as in some degree an antidote to Macknight; it is good and sound; but the student need not distress himself if he cannot procure it, for it is not indispensable.

OLSHAUSEN (H., D.D.) Commentary on I. and II. Corinthians. 8vo. 9/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1851. Dr. Lindsay Alexander says that this comment is highly esteemed for its happy combinations of grammatico-historical exegesis, with spiritual insight into the meaning of the sacred writers.

PRIDHAM (Arthur). Notes and Reflections on I. and II. Corinthians. 2 vols., cr. 8vo. 5/ each. Lond., Nisbet. 1866. We do not always agree with Mr. Pridham, but we always admire the quiet, candid, and unaffected manner in which he writes.

ROBERTSON (Frederick W., M.A. 1816-1853). Expository Lectures. 12mo. 5/-Lond., King. 1872. Robertson's doctrinal vagaries are well known; yet he is a great thinker and a prompter of thought in other men. Read with discretion.

STANLEY (Arthur Penrhyn, D.D., F.R.S., Dean of Westminster.) Corinthians. 8vo. 18/-Lond., Murray. 1876. We do not advise the purchase of these volumes; for although Dean Stanley is an instructive writer, our perusal of his notes does not impress us with any sense either of their value or soundness.

COLET (John, D.D., Dean of St. Paul's. 1466-1519). Treatise on I. Corinthians. With Translation. Demy 8vo. 10/6. Lond., G. Bell & Sons. 1874. A curiosity and nothing more. This same ancient Dean Colet, the friend of Erasmus, wrote also on the Romans.

PEARCE (Zachary, D.D.) Translation of I. Corinthians, with Paraphrase and Notes. In Vol. II. of Commentary. (No. 966.) We ought to value this work greatly, for the author was a renowned scholar; but we confess we do not think much of his productions. [The writers on small portions of

these Epistles are too numerous to be mentioned in our short Catalogue. Burgess, Branston, Thomas Fuller Sibbes, Manton, Watson, and other masterly writers have all left a contribution to the expository stores of the Church of Christ.]

Galatians [Do not forget to consult works from No. 1140 to 1155.]

BAGGE (Henry T. J., B.A.) Galatians. 8vo. Lond., 1856. S. 3/ Simply a revised text and critical notes.

BAYLEY (Sir E.) Commentary on Galatians. Thick post 8vo. 7/6. Lond, Nisbet. 1869. S. 3/-Upon each portion there is a commentary, a paraphrase, and a sermon, and thus the author conveys a considerable amount of instruction. He is thoroughly evangelical, and his style clear.

BROWN (John, D.D. Edinburgh). Exposition of Galatians. 8vo. Edinb., 1853. S. 6/-Brown is a modern Puritan. All his expositions are of the utmost value. The volume on Galatians is one of the scarcest books in the market.

CALVIN (John). Forty-two Sermons on Galatians 4 to. Lond., 1574. [A different work from his Commentary.]

EADIE (John, D.D.) Commentary on the Greek Text of Galatians. 8va. 10/6. Edinb., Clark. 1869. S. 7/6. This is a most careful attempt to ascertain the meaning of the Apostle by a painstaking analysis of his words. The author is not warped by any system of theology, but yet he does not deviate from recognized evangelical truth. As a piece of honest grammatical exegesis the value of this commentary is very great, though there is room to differ from it here and there.

EDMUNDS (John, M.A.) Galatians. With Explanatory Notes. Crown 8va. Edinb., Oliver & Boyd. 1874. Thoroughly ritualistic. See remarks on this author's work on Thessalonians.

GODWIN (John H.) Galatians. Translation, with Notes and Doctrinal Lessons. Cr. 8va. 3/-Lond., Hodder. 1871. A helpful translation, with good textual notes.

HALDANE (James Alexander. 1768-1851). Exposition of Galatians. 12mo. 1848. 2/6. This work has never been popular, because the author in the third chapter discusses the question of baptism. This is a fault of which we may say as the Papist said of venial sin: "It deserved to be forgiven."

HAWKER (John, M.A.) Bible Thoughts in Quiet Hours. Commentary on Galatians 2/-Lond., Yapp & Hawkins. 1874. These "thoughts" are sound and edifying. The book does not profess to be a thorough exposition.

KELLY (William). Lectures on Galatians. 12mo. 1/6 and 2/-Lond., G. Morrish. [N.D.] Mr. Kelly's authoritative style has no weight with us. We do not call these lectures expounding, but confounding.

LANGE (J.P.) Commentary on Galatians, by Otto Schmoller, Ph.D. Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians, by Karl Braune, D.D. (Seepage 19.)

LIGHTFOOT (J. B., D.D., Canon of St. Paul's). Galatians. Revised Text, with Introductions, Notes, and Dissertations. 8va. 12/-Lond., Macmillan. 1874. The Spectator says: "There is no

commentator at once of sounder judgment, and more liberal, than Dr. Lightfoot."

LUSHINGTON (Thomas. Died 1661. The Justification of a Sinner: the Main Argument of the Epistle to the Galatians. Folio. 1650. 5/6. A translation from Crellius, a Socinian divine, made by Lushington, who was far gone towards the same error. We mention the book to warn our readers of its character; for bad works of the Puritan period are few.

LUTHER (Martin). Commentary on Galatians. [Numerous editions—folio, quarto, and octavo.] "I prefer this book of Martin Luther's (except the Bible) before all the books that I have ever seen, as most fit for a wounded conscience."— Bunyan. This is a great historic work, and is beyond criticism, on account of its great usefulness. As a comment its accuracy might be questioned; but for emphatic utterances and clear statements of the great doctrine of the Epistle it remains altogether by itself, and must be judged per se.

OLSHAUSEN (H., D.D.) Commentary on Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1851 (For remarks, see No. 964.)

PEARSON (Samuel, Minister of Gt. George St. Chapel, Liverpool). Sermons on Galatians. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Clarke. 1874. Discourses worthy of the successor of Spencer and Raffles.

PERKINS (William./1-/2.) Commentarie on the First Five Chapters of Galatians, with a Supplement on the Sixth Chapter, by Ralfe Cudworth. Thick 4to. 1604. 2/6 to 4/-Perkins was justly esteemed by his cotemporaries as a master in theology. This commentary is deeply theological, and reads like a body of divinity: truth compels us to confess that we find it dull.

PRIDHAM (A.) Galatians. Cr. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Nisbet. 1872. Pridham is, we suppose, of the moderate Brethren school, but he is not carried away by any theory, being essentially a man of sober mind.

Ephesians [See also under Apostolical Epistles.]

BAYNE (PAUL, A.M. Puritan. Died 1617). Commentary on Ephesians. Folio. 1643, &c. 6/-[Reprinted in Nichol's Commentaries. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1866.] Sibbes says of this Work: "The greatest shall find matter to exercise themselves in; the meaner, matter of sweet comfort and holy instruction; and all confess that he hath brought some light to this Scripture."

CALVIN (John). Sermons on Ephesians, Translated by A. Golding. Black Letter. 4to. Lond., 1577. 9/ Not the same as the exposition. The Sermons are priceless.

EADIE (John, D.D.) Commentary on the Greek text of Ephesians. 8vo. 14/. Lond., Griffin. 1861. S. 7/6. "This book is one of prodigious learning and research. The author seems to have read all, in every language, that has been written upon the Epistle. It is also a work of independent criticism, and casts much new light upon Man 1:7 passages."

GRAHAM (William, D.D., of Bonn, Prussia). Lectures on Ephesians. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Partridge & Co. 1870. Dr. Graham is an earnest opponent of the German Neologians anti frequently writes with their negations before his eye. He is a commentator of considerable learning and much spirituality of mind.

HEMMINGE (Nicholas, D.D.) Commentary on Ephesians, translated. 4to. Lond., 1581 (See No. 553.)

HODGE (Charles, D.D.) Commentary on Ephesians. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1870. Most valuable. With no writer do we more fully agree.

KELLY (W.) Lectures. 12mo. 2/-Lond., G. Morrish. (See No. 1256).

LATHROP (Joseph, D.D., of America. 173t—1820). Expo-sition of the Epistle to the Ephesians, in a Series of Discourses. Thick 8vo. Philadelphia, 1864. These discourses are sure to be of the highest class. We have not been able to procure a copy.

M'GHEE (R.,A.M., M.R.I.A.) Lectures on Ephesians 2 vols., 8vo. Fourth edition. Lond., Saunders & Otley. 1861. S. 10/6. Lively, warmhearted, extemporaneous sermons, full of good teaching. The preacher aimed to edify the many, rather than to write a critical work for the few, and he has succeeded.

NEWLAND (Henry, M.A) A New Catena of St. Paul's Epistles. Commentary on Ephesians, in which is exhibited the Results of the most learned Theological Criticisms, from the Age of the Early Fathers down to the Present Time. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., J. Parker & Co. 1866. S. 3/-Used discreetly, this Catena of patristic, mediaeval, and modern Church interpreters, may be very helpful; without discretion it will mislead.

PATTISON (R.E., D.D., late Pres. of Waterville Col.) Commentary on Ephesians. 8vo. Boston, U.S. 1859. A book to instruct intelligent, experienced believers. It is a model for a class-book, plain and yet profound.

PERCEVAL (A. P.) Lectures on Ephesians. 12mo. Lond., 1846. 1/6. Good, but not likely to produce headache by overloading the brain with thought.

PRIDHAM (A.) Ephesians. 12mo. 4/6. Lond., Yapp. S. 2/6. Style heavy, matter weighty.

PULSFORD (John). Christ and his Seed; Central to all things: being a Series of Expository Discourses on Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. 4to. 8/6. Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1872. Contains a great deal of deep thought, but is too mystical and often too cloudy to be of much service to those who wish to explain Scripture.

RIDLEY (LANCELOT. About 1540.) Commentaries on Ephesians, Philippians, and part of Jude. [Reprinted in Richmond's Fathers.] John Bale wrote in 1543: "The Commentary which that virtuous, learned man, Master Lancelot Ridley, made upon St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, for the true erudttion of his Christian brethren, hath my Lord Bonner here also condemned for heresy. But what the cause is I cannot tell, unless it be for advancing the Gospel as the thing whereby we are made righteous." Our author is equally fierce against Anabaptists and Papists, but is not much of a commentator.

TURNER (Samuel H., D.D.) Ephesians, in Greek and English; with Analysis and Commentary. 8vo. New York, 1856. A learned American work; good, but not very attractive.

EVANS (James HARRINGTON, A.M./1-/2). Christian Solicitude, as exemplified in Ephesians III. 16mo. Lond., J. F. Shaw. 1856. S. 1/3. Harrington Evans was a great teacher. A more sound,

earnest, and instructive divine never lived. This book consists of notes of sermons preserved by a hearer. It is well worthy of study. His Memoir contains fragmentary remarks upon Ephesians I.

ROLLOCK (Robert. 1855-1598). An Exposition of part of the rift and sixt chapters of S. Pavle's Epistle to the Ephesians 4 to. Lond., 1630.!!n a volume containing sundry fragments of Expositions.] 12/ This renowned Scotchman's writings generally come to us as translations from the Latin, and have been made preternaturally dull in the process of interpretation; but this appears to have been written in English by himself. It is practical to a high degree, and goes into minute details of the married life, &c. It will not be much appreciated in these days, though Dr. McCrie styles Rollock's works "succinct and judicious."

Philippians [See also under Epistles.]

ACASTER (J.) Expository Lectures on Philippians. 8va. Lond, 1827. 2/-Useful in showing the preacher how not to do it. By a violent effort we forced ourselves to read one lecture; but we have done nothing to deserve to read another. The author was domestic chaplain to an earl, meant well, and did his little best.

AIRAY (Henry. 1559-1617). Lectures on Philippians 4 to. Land, 1618. 5/6. [Reprinted, with Cartwright on Colossians, in Nichol's Commentaries. Cr. 4to. 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1864.] Mr. Grosart says: "You will look in vain in this commentary for erudite criticism or subtle exegesis in the modern sense: but there seems to us to be an instructively true following up of the Apostolic thoughts, and a quick insight into their bearings and relative force.

CALVIN (John). Commentarie on Philippians. Translated by Wm. Becket. 4to. Lond., 1584. 10/6.

CALVIN AND STORR. Expositions of Philippians and Colossians. By J. Calvin and Gottlob Starr. Translated by R. John-ston. 12mo. 4/-Bib. Cabinet. Edinb., Clark. 1842. 3/-A sort of sandwich, with Calvin for the meat, and Starr for very hard black bread. Students who can enjoy both spiritual exposition and stern criticism with equal relish will make fine expositors.

DAILLE (Jean./1-/2). Exposition of Philippians. Translated by Rev. James Sherman. Imp. 8va. Lond., 1841. [This Exposition, together with Daille on Colossians, and Jenkyn on Jude, have been issued in one thick volume by Mr. Nichol of Edinburgh. 10/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1863..] Written in a deliciously florid style. Very sweet and evangelical: after the French manner. xyz

EADIE (John, D.D.) Commentary on the Greek text of Philippians. 8vo., 10/6. Lond., Griffin. 1859. S. 6/. A standard work. Essential to the scholarly student.

EASTBURN (M.) Lectures. 8vo. New York, 1853. 2/6. Designed for family reading. Moderately good.

HALL (Robert, A.M./1-/2). Exposition of Philip-pians, in twelve Discourses. 8vo. Lond., 1843. 2/6. Robert Hall does not shine so much upon the printed page as he did when he blazed from the pulpit. These discourses were published after his death, from the notes of a hearer. They are good as sermons, but not remarkable as expositions.

JOHNSTONE (Robert, LL.B., of Glasgow). Lectures on Philippians, with revised Translation, and Notes on the Greek text. 8vo. 7/6. Edinb., Oliphant. 1875. .4 noble volume. A real boon to the man

who purchases it.

KELLY (W.) Philippians and Colossians. 12mo. 2/-Lond., Morrish. 1869. Much that is excellent placed in "darkness visible."

LANGE (J.P.) See No. 923, and also page 19.

LIGHTFOOT (J. B., D.D.) A revised text, with Note:., &c. 8vo. 12/. Lond., Macmillan & Co. 1873. Deservedly regarded as a standard work. The more instructed student will appreciate it.

MEYER (DR. H. A.W.) Critical and Exegetical Handbook to the Epistles to the Philippians and Colossians. (See No. 928). No doubt wonderfully learned, but we cannot get on with it. Quotations from heretics we have happily never heard of before are of no great use to simple believers like ourselves.

NEAT (Charles). Discourses from Philippians. Sm. 8vo. Lond., 1841 1/6. Strongly Calvinistic, and correct to a hair; but utterly devoid of originality either of thought or expression.

NEANDER (JOHANN AUGUST WILHELM./1-/2). Philip-pians and James, practically and historically explained. Post 8vo. 3/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1851. S. 1/9. Without dwelling upon the wording of the Epistle, Neander reproduces its spirit in other language, and so expounds it. The little work will be greatly appreciated by a certain order of minds.

NEWLAND (H., M.A.) New Catena. Philippians. 8vo, 7/6. J. Parker. 1860. S. 2/6. (See No. 1238).

PEIRCE (James. Died 1726). Paraphrase on Philippians, Colossians, and Hebrews 4 to. Lond., 1733. Had he but known the Lord, his writings would have been admirable. He conceals his Arianism, but it is fatal to his acceptance with believers. He wrote after the manner of Mr. Locke.

ROBERTSON (.J.S.S., M.A.) Lectures on Philippians. 12mo. Lond., 1849 Lectures which will never set the Thames on fire.

TODD (James F., M.A.) Apostle Paul and the Church at Philippi. Acts XVI. and Philippians. 8vo. 9/. Lond., Bell & Daldy. 1864. A respectable work. The author is sound in doctrine and valorous in controverting error, and he says many good things; but he rather uses the text than expounds it. He deserves a reading³ but men with whom money is scarce need not purchase this book.

TOLLER (Thomas). Discourses on Philippians. 12mo. Lond., 1855. 2/-A very favorable specimen of plain, popular exposition. Nothing either deep, or new, or critically accurate; but sensible and practical.

VAUGHAN (C. J., D.D.) Lectures on Philippians. Extra Fcap. 8vo. 5/-Lond., Macmillan. 1864, &c. Deservedly esteemed. Dr. Vaughan gives a literal translation of his text from the original Greek, and then expounds it, believing' it, as he says, "to be the duty of every Christian teacher to assist his congregation in drinkings not of the stream on& but at the spring of revealed truth."

WIESINGER (Lic. August). Commentary on Philippians, Titus, and 1 Timothy; in continuation of the work of Olshausen. 8vo. 10/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1851. S. 4/6. Many mistake this for Olshausen's. It is of the critical and grammatical school, and bristles all over with the names of the German band. We prefer the Puritanic gold to the German silver which is now in fashion.

Colossians

BAYNE. (Paul, A.M.) Commentary on Colossians I. and II. 4to. Lond., 1634. 6/. On the two first chapters only. Edifying' and very rare.

BYFIELD (Nicholas, Puritan./1-1/2.) Exposition upon Colossians; being the Substance of near seven years' week-day sermons. Folio. 1615 and 1617. 6/6 [Reprinted in Nichol's Commentaries. Cr. 4to., 7/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1869.] The author lived in intense pain, and died at 44, yet he produced quite a mountain of literature. He writes like an earnest, faithful man, resolved to keep back nothing' of the counsel of God; but he too little studies brevity, and consequently he wearies most readers. He is always worth consulting'.

CALVIN. (See Nos. 1249, 1250).

CARTWRIGHT (Thomas, B.D. Puritan./1-1/2.) Commentary on Colossians 4 to. Lond., 1612. 7/6. [Re-printed in Nichol's Commentaries. See-No. x 248.] This is but a small affair, consisting of scanty and second-rate "notes" by a hearer. Yet what there is of it has the true ring, and is rich in spirituality.

DAILLE (J.) (See No. 1251).

DAVENANT (John, Bp. of Salisbury./1-1/2.) Exposition of Colossians. Translated from the Latin, by Josiah Allport. 2 vols., 8vo. Lond., 1831. 4/-to 6/6. "/know no exposition upon a detached portion of Scripture (with the single exception of Owen on the Hebrews) that will con&are with it in all points. Leighton is superior in sweetness, but far inferior in depth, accuracy, and discursiveness."—C. Bridges.

EADIE (John, D.D.) Commentary on the Greek text of Colossians. 8vo., 10/6. Lond., Griffin. 1856. S. 6/. Very full and reliable. A work of the utmost value.

ELTON (Edward, B.D.) Exposition of Colossians. Third edition. Folio. Lond., 1637. 7/-to 9/. ,4 Puritan work; strongly Calvinistic, popular, and very full.

GISBORNE (Thomas, Prebendary of Durham./1-1/2.) Exposition of Colossians. 12mo. Lond., 1816. x/-Sermons which very much remind us of those of Henry Melvill, but with less of the Gospel in them. Gisborne was a preacher of considerable repute, but he was more at home upon moral than spiritual topics.

GUTHRIE (Thomas, D.D.) Christ the Inheritance of the Saints. Discourses from Colossians, Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Edinb., A. & C. Black. 1859. S. 4/-Not so much an exposition as a series of brilliant discourses, or l.;rose poems. Dr. Guthrie has only touched upon the first chapter.

LIGHTFOOT (J. B., D.D.) Colossians and Philemon. A revised Text, with Introductions, Notes, &c. 8vo., 12/. Macmillan & Co. 1875. For remarks, see No. 1258. Lightfoot writes for scholars.

MILNER (Joseph, M.A.) Sermons on Colossians , 1 Thessa-Ionians V., and James I. 8vo. Lond., 1841. 3/ Respectable sermons by the Church historian.

ROLLOCK (R.) Lectures on Colossians 4 to. Lond., 1603. 10/-It is said that when this great divine died the entire population of Edinburgh attended his funeral. His Lectures on Colossians were

once very popular, but are now extremely scarce. The style is very simple and colloquial, and the matter far from profound.

SPENCE (James, D.D.) Discourses on Colossians. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Lond., Hodder. 1875. . A flood specimen of honest, popular expounding'. Intended for a congregation, but useful to the student.

WATSON (Thomas, B.A.) Discourses on Colossians. 8vo. Lond., 1838 2/& Thoroughly evangelical and remarkably commonplace. xyz

WILSON (Daniel, D.D., Bp. of Calcutta). Explanatory Lectures on Colossians. 8vo. Lond., 1845. 2/6. By a famous modern evangelical, who shows much ability in wielding this Scripture against Tractarians and others. The work contains little original exegesis.

LOCKYER (Nich., Puritan./1-/2-5). England Faithfully Watcht with in her Wounds. [Lectures on Colossians I.] 4to. Lond., 1646. 5/. Rich, full, simple.,4 fair specimen of plain Puritan preaching.

1 & 2 Thessalonians

EDMUNDS (J., M.A.) Commentary on I and 2 Thessalonians. Cr. 8vo. Lond., Bell & Daldy. 1858. S. 2/-For school Teachers. The author's notion of a Commentary, which he fully carries out, is contained in his preface. "My idea of the Middle-class Commentary is, that it should be in strict accordance with the doctrine and ritual of the Church, should illustrate her ritual, and should recommend her to the esteem and affection of her children, by proving her adherence to the Word of God."

JEWEL (John, Bp. of Salisbury. 1522-1571). Expositions upon I. & II. Thessalonians. Sin. 8vo. Black Letter. Lond., 1583. Reprinted 1811 and 1841. 1/6. Also in his Works. Hooker calls Jewel "the jewel of bishops." This work is in the usual style of the first Reformers, but rather more lively than most of them. Many of the topics touched upon were peculiar to the times in which the exposition was written. It will serve as a good specimen of the preaching of the Fathers of the English Church.

LANGE (J.P.) Commentary on Thessalonians, by Drs. Auberlen and Riggerbach. Translated by Dr. Lillie Timothy, Titus and Philemon, by Prof. Von Oosterzee. Hebrews, by Dr. C. B. Moll. Edited by Dr. Schaff. Imp. 8vo. 21/. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1869. "Lillie's Thessalonians will be found to be one of the best executed portions of the American edition of Lange. The translation is remarkably accurate and elegant, and the additions from his own researches, and the best English Commentaries, are care. fully selected and valuable."—Dr. P. Schaff

LILLIE (John, D.D., Kingston, New York./1-/2). Lectures on Thessalonians. Large 8vo. 9/. Edinb., W. Oliphant & Co. 1863. Remarks on the preceding will apply here.

ROLLOCK (Robert). Lectures on the Epistles to the Thessalonians, preached by R.R. 4to. Edinb., 1606. For remarks, see No. 1246.

SCLATER (William, D.D.) Exposition upon 1 and a Thessalonians. 4to. Lond., 1627. 3/6 to 7/-Sclater is antique; but, in the usual Puritanic manner, he gives very instructive disquisitions upon a vast variety of topics suggested by the text.

PATTERSON (Alexander Simpson, D.D., Glasgow). Commentaries on x Thessalonians, James, and 1 John. 12mo. Edin5., 1857. 2/6 to 4/6. Notes of discourses, with much in them. Hints may be gleaned here in abundance by students who open their eyes.

PHILLIPS (J.) The Greek of Thessalonians explained. 4to. Lond., 1751. Short, but not particularly sweet. Very scarce.

BRADSHAW (W., Purr?an./1-/2). A Plaine and Pithy Exposition of 2 Thessalonians; published since his decease by T. Gataker. 4to. 1620. 3/6. As we cannot get a sight of this, perhaps some reader will present us with a copy.

MANTON (Thomas, D.D.) Eighteen Sermons on 2 Thessalonians II., concerning Antichrist. 8vo. 1679. 4./ Here Manton smites heavily at Popery. Richard Baxter wrote a commendatory preface to this valuable exposition.

SQUIRE (John, M.A.) A Plaine Exposition on 2 Thessalonians II.,/1-/2, proving the Pope to be Antichrist. 4to. Lond., 1630. 5/-to 8/-Squire works out the point of the Pope's being Antichrist with very great cogency of reasoning. The exposition of the Epistle is lost in the point aimed at; but that point is of the utmost importance.

Pastoral Epistles Or, the Epistles of Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

CALVIN (John). C Sermons on the Epistles of S. Paule to Timothie and Titus, translated out of the French, by L.T. 4to. Lond., 1579. 15/. Quite a different work from Calvin's Commentaries.

FAIRBAIRN (Patrick, D.D.) The Pastoral Epistles, Greek Text, Translation, Introductions, Expository Notes, &c. Cr. 8vo. 7/6. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1874. What with a good translation, full defense of the Apostolic authorship of the Epistles, fruitful comments, and profitable dissertations, this volume is about as complete a guide to the smaller epistles as one could desire.

1 & 2 Timothy [See also under Pastoral Epistles.]

BICKERSTETH (E.) (See No. 1386).

PATTERSON (Alex. S., D.D.) Commentary on Timothy and Titus. 18mo. 1848. (See our remarks an No. 1292.)

SLADE (Henry Raper, LL.B.) Pulpit Lectures on the Epistles to Timothy. Cr. 8vo. 1837. 1/-Utter rubbish. Dear at a gift.

WIESINGER (L. A.) (See No. 1268).

PINDER (John H., M.A.) The Candidate for the Ministr7. Lectures on 1 Timothy. 12mo. Lond., 1837. 1/-Of no consequence.

BARLOW (John. Puritan.) Exposition of 2 Timothy, I. and II. Folio. Lond., 1632. 4/-to 7/6. By a master in Israel. Thoroughly practical, deeply experimental, and soundly doctrinal.

HALL (Thomas). Commentary on 2 Timothy III. and IV. Folio. Lond.,/1-/2. 8/. Hall is often found in union with Barlow, completing the Commentary on 2 Timothy, as he completed Amos, (No. 840.)-/are is a masterly expositor, of the old-fashioned school.

Titus [See also under Pastoral Epistles.]

GRAHAM (W, D.D.) Titus. 12mo. 2/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1860. Dr. Graham endeavors to make criticism intelligible, and the results of learning really edifying. We have our doubts as to some of his criticisms, and he is quite dogmatic enough, but on the whole good.

TAYLOR (Thomas, D.D. Puritan./1-/2). Commentarie upon Titus. 4to. Camb., 1619. 4/-to 6/. Folio. 1668. 10/. Also in Works. The title-page calls Thomas Taylor "a famous and most elaborate divine." He was a preacher at Paul's Cross during the reigns of Elizabeth and James [., and a voluminous writer. This Commentary will well repay the reader.

Philemon

ATTERSOLL (William. Puritan). Commentary upon Philemon. Second Edition. Folio. Lond., 1633. 4/6. A long comment upon a short epistle. The pious author labors to keep to his text, and succeeds in bringing out of it a mass of quaint practical teaching.

COX (Samuel). Philemon. In "The Private Letters of St. Paul and St. John." 12mo. 3/-Lond., Miall. 1867. Such exposition as this adds interest to the epistles, and makes their writers live again before our eyes. Mr. Cox delivered this work in public on certain week evenings. Happy are the people who are thus instructed.

DYKE (Daniel, B.D. Puritan. Died about 1614). A most fruitful Exposition upon Philemon. Lond. 4to. 1618. 4/-to 7/ Dyke's remarks are memorably practical and full of common sense. He abounds in proverbs. The work is not very valuable as an exposition of the words, but excels in making use of them.

JONES (William, D.D., of East Bergholt.) Commentary upon Philemon, Hebrews, and x and 2 John. Folio. Lond., 1636. 9/-to 12/. Very lively, sprightly, colloquial lectures, by a Suffolk divine, who thinks the Brownists and Dissenters were not persecuted. "Christ was whipped, that was persecution; Christ whipped some out of the temple, that was no persecution." Despite his intolerance he says some uncommonly racy things.

LIGHTFOOT (J. B., D.D.) See No. 1279.

Hebrews

BROWN (John, D.D.) Exposition of Hebrews 2 vols., 8vo. 18/-Edinb., 1862. S. 9/6. Dr. David Smith says of this work. 'There is not a single instance of carelessness in investigating the true meaning of a text, or of timidity in stating the conclusion at which the author had arrived.' What more could be said in praise of any exposition?

CALVIN (John). Commentary on Hebrews, translated by Clement Cotton. 4to. Lond., 1605. /o/-to 13/. Another edition, 12mo. Lond., 1841. 1/6.

DALE (R. W., M.A.) The Jewish Temple and the Christian Church. Discourses on Hebrews. Cr. 8vo. 6/-Lond., Hodder & Stoughton. 1871. S. 3/6. Among modern divines few rank so highly as Mr. Dale. Daring and bold in thought, and yet for the most part warmly on the side of orthodoxy, his works command the appreciation of cultured minds.

DELITZSCH (F., D.D.) Commentary on Hebrews 2 vols., 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. 1868. S. 12/-Remarks formerly made upon Delitzsch apply here also. (Nos. 412,,and 724.)

DICKSON (David.) Short Explanation of Hebrews 8 vo. Aberd., 1635; Camb., /649; and Lond., 1839. This is generally to be found in connection with the author's ".Brief Exposition on Matthew." (No. 1033.) We need say no more than—get it, and you will find abundance of suggestions for profitable trains of thought.

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[LUSHINGTON (Thomas, M.A.)] The Expiation of a Sinner. Commentary upon Hebrews. Folio. 1646. 5/ This work was published anonymously, and is charged with Socinianism.

M'CAUL (Joseph B., Hon. Canon of Rochester). Hebrews. A Paraphrastic Commentary, with Illustrations from Philo, the Targums, &c. 8vo. 12/6. /;and., Longmans. 1871. S. 6/-Mr. M'Caul attacks the gentlemen of the higher criticism with great plainness of speech and some asperity. We hardly think his work will attain a great circulation, it has so much Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and German in it, that only men of learning and leisure can use it.

MACLEAN (A. 1732-1812.) Paraphrase and Com-mentary on Hebrews 2 vols., 12mo. Lond., 1847. 2/. One of the most judicious and solid expositions ever written.

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OWEN (John, D.D.) Exposition of Hebrews 4 vols. Folio. Lond., 1668-74. 14/-Also 7 vols. 8vo. Edited by Dr. Goold. f2 2s. Edinb., T. & T. Clark. S. 25/- There is an abridgment of Owen's work, executed by Dr. Williams. 4 vols., 8vo. 1790, &c. 4/6 to 7/6. Out of scores of commendations of t/ds colossal work we select but one. Dr. Chalmers pronounced it "a work of gigantic strength as well as gigantic size; and he who hath mastered it is very little short, both in respect to the doctrinal and practical oaf Christianity, of being an erudite and accomplished theologian."

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SAMPSON (G. V.) Translation, with Notes. 8va. Lond., 1828. 1/6 Dr. Kendrick says that Sampson is candid and sensible, but scarcely grapples with the dfficult points of the Epistle. Perhaps he was

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SAPHIR (Adolph). Lectures on Hebrews. First Series. Chapters I—VII. [Second and concluding volume in preparation]. Cr. 8va. 6/6. Lond., J. F. Shaw & Co. 1874. Mr. Saphir has always something to say worthy of the attention of spiritual minds. His mind finds a track of its own, but he is never speculative. We always enjoy his remarks, though he is not specially terse: or brilliant.

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TAIT (William, M.A.) Meditationes Hebraicae. 2 vols. Cr. 8va. Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1855. S. 6/- A noteworthy series of lectures. If Gouge, Owen, and others, had not done all for Hebrews that one could well need, this would have been, of first-class value; and though we have much better it is still a worthy companion to them.

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TURNER (Samuel H., D.D.) Hebrews, in Greek and English; with Commentary. 8va. New York, 1852. S. 4/6. Carefully done. Written for those who really wish to understand the Epistle.

WILLIAMS (H. W.) Exposition of Hebrews. Cr. 8va. 6/-Lond., 66, Paternoster Row. 1872. The author has evidently been a diligent reader and student. Apart from its Wesleyan peculiarities, we can commend this book as edifying and instructive, though we do not place it in the first class. xyz

Parts of Hebrews

DEERING (Edward, B.D. Puritan. Died 1576). Twenty-seven Lectures upon Hebrews [chap I.—VI.] 4to. 1590. 5/6. Mainly aimed at the errors of the Church of Rome, and at the practical questions of the Reformation period., 4 learned but antiquated set of lectures.

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SYLVESTER (Matthew). The Christian's Race and Patience. Sermons on Hebrews XII. 2 vols., 8vo./1-1/2. 3/6. Not of the first class; yet respectable sermons.

Catholic Epistles

EBRARD (J.H.A.) See No. 1387.

LANGE (J.P.) Commentary on James, by Prof. Van Oosterzee Epistles of Peter, by Dr. C. F. Fronmuller. Epistles of John by Dr. K. Braune. Epistle of Jude, by Dr. C. F. Fronmuller. Edited by Dr. Schaff. Imp. 8vo. 21/-Edinb., T. & T. Clark. In his comment on the First Epistle of John, Dr. Braune teaches baptismal regeneration in a very decided manner. This plague-spot of sacramentarianism should put the reader on his guard.

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WARDLAW (Ralph, D.D.) Lectures on James. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Fullerton & Co. 1862. The lectures are noteworthy specimens of expository preaching', They were Wardlaw's last work, and are fully up to the mark.

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LUTHER (Martin). Commentarie upon the Two Epistles of St. Peter and that of St. Jude, gathered out of the lectures of Martin Luther. Translated by Thomas Newton. 4to. Lond., 1581. Black letter. 15/. In Luther's racy style. One of his best productions. Copies are scarce as white elephants, and consequently expensive.

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GOMERSALL (R.) Sermons on St. Peter [chap. It./1-/2]. 4to. 1634. 5/" Teaches absolute submission to rulers. Only worth notice from its age.

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ADAMS (Thomas). Commentary upon the 2nd Epistle of Peter. Folio. Lond., 1633. New Edition, revised by Rev. James Sherman, in imp. 8vo., 1839; now included in Nichol's Commentaries; 10/6. Lond., Nisbet. 1862. Full of quaintnesses, holy wit, bright thought, and deep instruction. We like Adams better in commenting than in preaching. His great work is quite by itself, and in its own way remains unrivalled. We know no richer and racier reading.

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HANDCOCK (W.J.) Exposition of I John. Cr. 8vo. 3/6. Lond., Hamilton, Adams & Co. 1861. The author has carefully studied the original, and has his own ideas as to its meaning; but either he has not the power of communicating them, or else we are slow of apprehension. Very frequently we are at a loss to know what he means.

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JONES (W., D.D.) See No. 1311.

Jude

BICKERSTETH (E.) See No. 1386.

GARDINER (F., M.A.) The Last of the Epistles. Commentary on Jude. Cr. 8vo. Boston, U.S. 1856. 2/6. An interesting, straightforward, instructive commentary.

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McGILVRAY (Walter). Lectures on Jude 1:8 vo. Glasg., 1855. 3/-Scarce. Vigorous, popular addresses by a Free Church divine.

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MUIR (William, D.D.) Discourses on Jude 1:8 vo. Glasg., 1822. 2/6. Sermons which do not rise above mediocrity.

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PERKINS (William, D.D.) Exposition of Jude. 410. 1606. 5/6. Perkins was regarded by his cotemporaries as a paragon of learning, but his writings fail to interest the generality of readers.

TURNBULL (Richard, M.A.) Exposition of Jude. See No. 1367.

WILLET (Andrew). A Catholicon; gathered out o[the Catholike Epistle of Jude. Folio. Lond., 1614. This book is in the Museum, but we cannot procure a copy.

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Preterists. The prophecies contained in the Apocalypse were fulfilled with the destruction of Jerusalem and the fall of heathen Rome. This is the view of Bossuet, Grotius, Hammond, Wetstein, Eichhorn, Ewald, De Wette, Lucke, and others, among whom is the American expositor, Moses Stuart.

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Maitland, Benjamin Newton, Todd, and others.

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BENGEL (John Albert). Introduction to his Exposition of the Apocalypse, with his preface to that work, and the greatest part of the conclusion of it, and also his marginal notes on the text, which are a summary of the whole Exposition. Translated from the High Dutch, by John Robertson, M.D. 8vo. Lond., 1757. This great author was rather too precise in his dates. The end of the forty-two months was settled for the 21st of May, 1810, and the destruction of the beast for June 18th, 1836. When so princely an expositor maunders in this fashion it should act as a caution to less able men.

BONAR (H., D.D.) Light and Truth, vol. V. (See No. 6.)

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