

been strengthened to every reader by a sight of the noble personality which delivered them.

We fail to see the importance of a new *Commentary on the New Testament* based simply on the Revision of 1881. But one is progressing, and has reached Vol. III, Luke, by Prof. Riddle of Hartford Theological Seminary. [Scribners. \$1.25].—Some "American clergyman" who is not willing to give his name has made up a volume of what he calls *Gems of Illustrations* from the sermons and other writings of Dr. Guthrie. There are some five hundred short extracts, classified in an alphabetical order of topics, with an index. [Funk & Wagnalls. \$1.50].—Ros Corder has translated eight philosophico-religious essays by H. Didon, the French Dominican, having the form of discourses, and they are published under the title of *Science without God*. Their motive is good, to show that the contradictions between science and religion "merely rest upon ignorance of the Faith, or the confusion of the divers elements of Science;" but their tone, though learned and fervent, is better adapted to French than American ears. [Whittaker. \$1.25].—In *Walks About Zion* Rev. Dr. I. M. Atwood, a Universalist clergyman, tries in ten lectures the oft-tried plan before of painting a picture of each of the great Christian denominations, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, etc.; but the lectures themselves are neither scholarly nor able, being rather superficial, sometimes ignorant, and not always fair. [Universalist Publishing House. 50c.].—Dr. J. R. Nichols, the author of *From Whence, What, Where?* is a Doctor not of theology but of medicine; but this little book of inquiry and suggestion respecting some of the graver problems of man's origin, nature, and destiny is a compound of exegesis, chemistry, and spiritualism. It is rather interesting nevertheless, and in the main sensible, being a materialist's reverent reasoning on religious themes. [Boston: Printed for the author.].—Dr. Godet's *Studies of Creation and Life* cover somewhat the same ground with the foregoing, but are informed with a distinct and fervent Christian faith. [Cong. Pub. Society. 75c.].—Of the Rev. Wm. Scribner's *Love for Souls* we should say that it was a Presbyterian clergyman's handiwork, and the beating out of an idea, in itself true and useful, pretty thin. [Scribners. \$1.00.].—In *Half Hours with the Lessons of 1883* we have a collection of short expository discourses on the Uniform S. S. Lessons for next year by a body of distinguished Presbyterian clergymen, among them Drs. Howard Crosby, Herrick Johnson, R. R. Booth, T. L. Cuyler, and John Hall. [Presb. Board. \$1.50.].—The object of the Rev. Henry Wheeler's *Methodism and the Temperance Reformation* is to show what, when, and how, the Methodists have served the temperance cause, beginning with John Wesley and ending with the Woman's Crusade. The book is historical, and in part documentary. [Walden & Stowe.]

CURRENT LITERATURE.

William Swinton's *Campaigns of the Army of the Potomac*, a critical military history within the limits indicated by the title, was first published in 1866, but has been long out of print. In its present new edition it has been improved by some corrections of minor faults, and by a brief appendix containing some matters for which there was not room in the foot-notes. [Scribners. \$3.].—A new edition has also been begun, "thoroughly revised and enlarged," of Dr. Philip Schaff's *History of the Christian Church*, Vol. I being devoted to "Apostolic Christianity," or to the period A. D. 1-100. The form and appearance of the work in its new dress present a considerable improvement. [Scribners. \$4.00.]

Of three volumes of Sermons before us those of Dr. Alexander M'Laren, an English Nonconformist, entitled *The Secret of Power* [Macmillan. \$1.25], are almost purely subjective and spiritual, and touch the higher ranges of advanced Christian experience; those of the late Rev. Dr. Washburn of New York [Dutton. \$1.75] are rather more ethical in their fiber and social in their direction, showing how this brave and manly preacher stood face to face with great and trying questions of the day; those of Dr. Joseph Cross, *Evangel* [Whittaker. \$1.50] are, as their general title would indicate, evangelistic, strong in exhortation and in appeal to the affections. Dr. M'Laren is meditative, Dr. Washburn practical, Dr. Cross emotional. Dr. M'Laren is a soul, Dr. Washburn a mind, Dr. Cross a heart. Dr. M'Laren's sermons are to be pondered, Dr. Washburn's to be obeyed, Dr. Cross's to be felt. Dr. M'Laren was a man of fineness. Dr. Cross is a man of fervency. Dr. Washburn was a man of force, as any one would feel who should read these sermons, or who should look upon the portrait of him, in his preacher's gown, which is hanging this fall in the National Academy's Gallery at New York. We wish the publishers could have given a steel engraving of that portrait for a frontispiece to this volume. The preacher's presence has so much to do with his power, and these sermons would have