

2. **The Continuity of Christian Thought: A Study of Modern Theology in the light of its History.** By Alexander V. G. Allen, Professor in the Episcopal Theological School, in Cambridge. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1884. 12mo. pp. xviii, 438. \$2.00.

This book is a valuable contribution to what is known as the Philosophy of History, almost a new thing in ecclesiastical inquiry. It takes us back to the beginnings of Christian theology, and shows us that, in a large degree, the advanced thought of to-day is a reproduction of the earliest thoughts of Christians on the most vital points of New Testament theology; while what it displaces and supersedes had its origin among those who spoke another tongue than that in which the Christian Scriptures were written, and who have all along enforced their opinions by the strength of numbers, councils, edicts, rather than by reason and persuasion. Prof. Allen has done a good work; and while his volume will be a surprising revelation to the general reader, we commend it to those of our own household of faith as containing a confirmation of thoughts which we have long cherished. In the Article on "Greek Theology," in the *General Review*, a few pages back, we have much more to say of some of the contents of the book which have special interest to Universalists.