

The Shorter Bible, chronologically arranged, being the Holy Bible abridged and with its readings synchronized for popular reading. By LUCY RIDER MEYER, A.M., M.D., Editor. With an Introduction by BISHOP JOHN H. VINCENT. New York: Hunt & Eaton, 1895. Pp. 963. Price, \$2.50.

We should welcome the Bible in any form, provided such form does not do violence to the general meaning of the text. The editor of this shorter Bible has used scissors and paste in a commendable manner, and has given as the result a book for popular reading. She attempts to set in parallel columns the history of the kingdom of Judah and of Israel. But the method will scarcely clarify the matter for the popular reader. The arrangement of the Psalms in chronological order presents some curious conjunctions. For the presentation of the best critical results of the day the book has no value whatever. But for popular use it may serve a good purpose in interesting some readers in the Bible as history and literature, and may lead to the use of the Bible as a whole, and further to the best works on its arrangement and interpretation. It can do little harm.

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