

far as it is possible to hold them regarding the phenomena of apostolic life and thought, account for the relations between the teachings of Jesus and Paul. The general position of the author is that, as indicated by a careful comparison of the utterances of Christ and the great apostle, so far as Paul's teaching differs from that of Jesus, the difference is in development rather than essence. That is to say, Paul discusses certain truths in a manner shaped by the fact that he lived at a later date in the career of the church. He could and did discuss the resurrection, for example, as a past event in Christian history, whereas our Lord necessarily was obliged to speak of it as something yet future, even though he were explaining its significance. It is shown successfully that the environment of the apostolic life and thought made a distinct impression upon them, but, with due allowances for the influence of this environment, there was no difference in principle between the teachings of Jesus and of the apostles. They simply filled out and supplemented what he had begun to do. The style of the lectures is eminently direct and practical. [Scribners. \$1 50.]

It requires a survey of a considerable period in the history of a church to realize how many things are essential to its life. The comely volume commemorating the *Seventy fifth Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Society of Syracuse, N. Y.*, furnishes a good illustration, and its pastor, Rev. Dr. George B. Spalding, is one of the admirable products of Congregationalism.

The proceedings at the *150th Anniversary of the First Church in Lincoln, Mass.*, in August and September, 1898, prepared by Rev. E. E. Bradley, tells in a brief but scholarly fashion the record of this ancient and useful church. It contains historical sermons by the pastor, Rev. L. E. Bradley, and the late Rev. E. G. Porter.

A somewhat similar pamphlet, compiled by Rev. Halg Adadourian, describes the *One Hundred and Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration of the Second Church in Plymouth (Manomet), Mass.* It is another valuable addition to the literature which preserves the history of our colonial and modern churches.

An interesting little volume just received is a partial bibliography of the works of Rev. Lewis Grout, the missionary and pastor, whose grammar of the Zulu language is a standard. The Bibliography contains ninety titles, several of which are particularly timely, as they relate to the Boers and other South African peoples.

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Prof. M. W. Jacobus, in the Stone Lectures for 1897-98, discussed *A Problem in New Testament Criticism*. The problem is one of philosophy. After discussing the problem of the method, whether to state what the New Testament books say about themselves or what others say about them, he passes to the special problem set before himself for attention. Criticism necessarily implies a philosophy and is influenced thereby. A vital question is whether the principles of evolution, so

* The Puritan Republic. By D. W. Howe. Bowen, Merrill Co. \$3.50.