

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. By
Henry M. Harman, D.D. Third Edition. Revised.

We have already called the attention of our readers to this work. As we anticipated, it has met a widely felt want. Of this we could have no better proof than the fact that it has in a short time reached a third edition, and been adopted by the

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Methodist Episcopal Conferences into the course of study running through four years.

This new edition is no mere reprint of the old. The author has revised and enlarged his book by adding to the New Testament part three valuable chapters (chaps. v., vi. and vii.), covering not less than twenty-six pages, and giving an account of the most important MSS. of the New Testament, of the ancient versions, and of the editions of the Greek Testament. The book will be found serviceable by ministers generally and by the more intelligent laymen.

CHRISTIAN SOCIOLOGY. By J. H. W. Stuckenberg, D. D., Professor in the Theological Department of Wittenberg College. New York: I. R. Funk & Co., 10 and 12 Dey Street, 1880.

JAPANESE FAIRY WORLD. Stories from the Wonder-Lore of Japan. By William Elliot Griffis, Author of "Mikado's Empire." Illustrated. By Osawa, of Tokio. Schenectady, N. Y., James H. Barhyte, 1880.

The literature of a people reveals their inner life. In this little book we have presented the literature that interests the children of Japan. There is something in these stories that shows how nearly all nations are allied in the deeper currents of life. They show, at the same time, the influence of a heathen religion on the notions of the wonderful that are here portrayed. The second story on "The Travels of the Two Frogs," we once heard told by a popular lecturer, to illustrate traits of certain American travelers in Europe, and it brought down the house. We did not know then that the story itself had traveled from Japan. We have submitted these stories to Mr. Yamanaka, the Japanese student at F. & M. College, and he identifies them as genuine Japanese stories, with some of which he was familiar in his boyhood in Japan. It is an interesting story book for children, and also instructive in reference to life and lore in that far-off empire.

Several book-notices are held over for want of space.