

prepared at the request of several fellow-revisers and friends whose learning and judgment I highly esteem. It embodies the substance, thoroughly revised, of my introduction to the American edition of Westcott and Hort's Greek Testament, and several additional chapters." It may fairly be described as the history of the New Testament, giving full accounts of the manuscripts, ancient version, textual criticism, printed text, with a history of both the authors and the revised versions. An interesting feature is the fac-simile illustrations of manuscripts and sundry editions of the New Testament at the close.

*A Popular Commentary on the New Testament: The Catholic Epistles and Revelation.* Edited by Philip Schaff, D.D. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.) This volume completes this commentary, of which we have heretofore spoken at length. One naturally turns to Hebrews and Revelation as the most important books in the volume. The commentary on the first is written by Professor Joseph Angus, of Regent's Park, London; on the second by Professor William Milligan, of Aberdeen. The latter regards Revelation as the production of John, and as prophetic, not historic, in its character, having to do with the whole period which was to elapse between the close of direct revelation and the second coming of the Lord.

A very useful volume for students of history is Mr. Charles Gardner Wheeler's *Course of Empire*. (Boston: G. R. Osgood & Co.) Mr. Wheeler gives in outline the chief political events in the history of the world, arranged by centuries, each century being made more comprehensible by a map. This series of comprehensive views of the world's history is made more complete by short illustrative citations from eminent historians and other writers, characterizing the manner, spirit, and achievements of each age. The value of the book lies in the fact that it presents concisely, but with considerable comprehensiveness, the salient features and essential spirit of each successive century.

It is a pleasure to examine so careful and conscientious a piece of scholarly workmanship as Professor W. C. Wilkinson's *Preparatory Latin Course in English*. (New York: Phillips & Hunt.) Perhaps nothing better can be said of it than that it is worthy to take its place with its companion volume of the *Preparatory Greek Course in English*. A brief and yet thoroughly trustworthy presentation of the literature and thought of a great nation is a work which demands thorough-going scholarship and a trained literary instinct. In this volume Professor Wilkinson shows ample competency for the task which he had imposed upon himself, and the result is a book which can be commended without qualification to all those who desire to familiarize themselves with the Roman people in their intellectual achievements. It is a work of great interest as well as of great power of instruction, since it deals not with the isolated mental life of the people, but with that life as it stands related to character, to history, and to the world-wide extension of Roman rule. Professor Wilkinson has succeeded, in a word, in sketching, with a bold, free, and sure hand, the outlines of the mental and moral life of one of the great dominant races of antiquity. His work is issued in the Chautauquan series of text-books.

Mr. Oscar Fay Adams is already known to the readers of The Christian Union as a writer of charming stories, full of nice character-drawing, and almost always with a background of natural scenery very poetically described. He now appears in a new field as the author of a *Brief Handbook of English Authors* (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.), a small and admirably printed manual for the every-day use of writers and students who do not have access to the more voluminous authorities, or who desire something more convenient in form. In this little book Mr. Adams gives a list, which, so far as we have examined, is exhaustive, of all English writers, giving, wherever it is possible, the date of birth, account of literary work, and, in some cases, a brief characterization. Mr. Adams has done his work with excellent taste, sound judgment, and good scholarship; and his Handbook is to be commended as the most serviceable book of its kind which has yet appeared.

*A Companion to the Greek Testament and the English Version.* By Philip Schaff, D.D. (New York: Harper & Brothers.) We can best describe this book by an extract from the author's preface: "This book has grown out of my studies in connection with the revision committees, and was