

10. **The Ideas of the Apostle Paul Translated into their Modern Equivalents.** By James Freeman Clarke. Boston. James R. Osgood & Co. 1884. 16mo. pp. xiv. 486. \$1.50.

The idea and purpose of this work are happily described in its title. It is an interpretation, not a life, and only incidentally a commentary. The author vigorously arrays himself against the disparaging estimates of Paul put forth by Schoelcher, Renan and O. B. Frothingham, and giving to the great Apostle an estimate "greater than he has ever been stated to be, even by his most ardent followers," proceeds to put into modern language Paul's statement of principles which apply to the present and the future as well as to the past. He finds no antagonisms between the teachings of the Apostle and his Master, but a perfect harmony of purpose and effort to establish a Universal Religion. So clear and lucid is his style, his language always simple and plain, that the reader may be sure that he gets the author's idea, and cannot fail to understand what he intends to convey.

The technical language of so-called Orthodoxy obscures or perverts Paul's doctrines, and hence Dr. Clarke does good service in translating that language into modern terms which better express the Apostle's thoughts. The sections of the book designated: Antagonisms of Law and Grace, Paul's Ideas Concerning Sin, Justification by Faith, Doctrine of Divine Decrees, Atonement, are eminently successful attempts to show how much more fully and clearly Paul's ideas are manifest by being stated in language less technical, and of more common use. Paul's doctrine of the final Holiness of the Race is acknowledged, and with Dr. Clarke's well-known ingenuousness, is prominently brought to light and made prominent. The Universalist preacher will find many valuable suggestions in Dr. Clarke's unfolding of Paul's thought.

11. **Due West, or Round the World in Ten Months.** By Maturin M. Ballou. Boston. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1884. 12mo. pp. 387.

This is a well-told story of a trip of forty thousand miles in a due westerly course from Boston, across the continent of America and the Pacific Ocean to Japan, thence to China, a thousand miles on the China Sea, across the Indian Ocean to Ceylon, thence to India. Egypt, Cairo and Alexandria, Italy, Malta, Gibraltar. France and England, and across the Atlantic to America. The peculiarities of people and of localities, the habits of men and of animals, the religions, education, products of the different lands and climes are described in a manner investing the whole with interest. There is not a dull page in the book. It is admirable reading for young and old.