

Studies in the Character of Christ. An Argument for the Truth of Christianity.

By Rev. Charles Henry Robinson, M. A. New Impression. Six penny edition. Longmans, Green & Co., New York and London. 1907.

It is a good thing that this cheaper edition of Mr. Robinson's book has been produced. It is a valuable presentation of the character of Christ and makes a conclusive argument for the deity of Jesus that will have weight with the average man who may have trouble on that subject. The author seizes clearly the salient points and makes good use of sharp contrast in showing how Christ differed from other men. Where the book lacks in my judgment is in a rather vague conception of the atonement and an over emphasis on the mere example of Jesus to the neglect of the more vital union of the Christian with Christ. But as a whole the volume will serve its purpose.

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The Life of Christ.

By the Very Rev. Alexander Stewart, D. D., Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, Scotland. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, 1907. Pages 124.

The volume belongs to the Temple Series of Bible Characters and is worthy of its place. The writer is very cautious about committing himself on critical questions, but his sympathies lie with the conservative side of things. For a simple handbook one wonders if there is not too much criticism and too little of the devotional spirit. But you cannot get everything in this compass. The treatment is fresh, clear, able and reverent.

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St. Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians. The Greek Text with Introduction and Notes.

By George Milligan, D.D., Minister of Caputh, Perthshire. Macmillan Co., London and New York. 1908. Pages CX, 195. Price \$3.00.

Here we have a most delightful volume, worthy of the best traditions of British scholarship, on a par with the work of Swete, Plummer, Sanday and men like them. It is to be observed that this notable commentary comes from the pastor of

a Scotch church, who has given himself to his high task with devotion and success. Dr. Milligan wears an honored name in New Testament study for his father was the late Rev. W. Milligan, D. D., who wrote so well concerning the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and the Apocalypse. But the son has not rested merely in the great name of his father. He has made thorough preparation for his task by mastering the new knowledge to be had from the papyri as to Paul's language and the discoveries about Thessalonica.

It would be hard to find a more helpful introduction than Dr. Milligan gives concerning the city of Thessalonica, the church, Paul's work there, the contents of the Epistles, their authenticity, integrity, and text, as well as Paul's language and style and the doctrine of this book. The detailed comments are rich in suggestiveness and luminous in helpfulness. The appendix has excellent discussions of St. Paul as a letter-writer, his use of the Epistolary plural, divine names in the Epistles, Antichrist, etc. He is opposed to the idea that the man of sin in II Thess. 2, is the Roman Emperor and thinks that the solution is to be sought in the Johannine Antichrist and the Jewish apocryphal and pseudepigraphic writings. I wonder if the author emphasizes sufficiently Paul's disclaimer of the immediateness of the second coming in 2 Thess. 2:2. The commentary is chiefly grammatical and historical exegesis rather than expository development of the thought. But the grammatical and historical elements lie at the basis of it all.

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The Appearance of Our Lord After the Passion. A Study in the Earliest Christian Traditions.

By Henry Barclay Swete, D. D., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. Macmillan & Co., New York and London. 1907. Pages 151.

This is one of the most delightful little books that it has been my good fortune to read in a long time. Dr. Swete is a thorough master in Biblical scholarship and his heart is ripe with rich experience of grace. He uses his wealth of learning with delicate appropriateness and rare suggestiveness to light