

Some important historical and chronological *Tabular Exhibits* and a full and accurate *Index* add to the value of the volume.

The author has given us a scholarly, up-to-date, and, in the main, judicious treatment of the historical evidence, old and new, covering this vital, initial, critical period of the history of Christianity.

The binding of the book is not the best and a few typographical errors mar its pages, but, for the most part, the printing and press work are well done and the style and the type help to make the reading easy.

We cannot but hope that the author's wish, that the work may prove helpful to the youth of the rising generation who have perplexities of doubt about the historicity of the New Testament Scriptures, and consequently primitive Christianity, may be realized; and that many a pastor may find it satisfying to his own mind and helpful to him in dealing with such doubters.

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### **Historical Geography of Bible Lands.**

By John B. Calkin, M. A. Philadelphia. The Westminster Press. 1904. 189 pp.

The author of this little hand-book is not an explorer, not even a traveler, but is an educator, and author of "A Geography of the World." The book does not aspire to be a rival of such elaborate works as George Adam Smith's "Historical Geography of the Holy Land." It is intended as a text-book, or ready reference book, especially for Sunday school or Bible class teachers. Written by one who has had wide experience both in teaching and in training teachers, and who has achieved a recognized success in his work on world-geography, it is not too much to expect for it a kindred success in its department. It covers all the lands of the Bible, shows acquaintance with the latest and best literature of the subject, and presents in well-arranged, well-proportioned and systema-

tized form just what teachers and students of Biblical geography most require to learn. It will prove greatly helpful to the average pastor and the average Bible reader. Such historical geographies helps us as nothing else can, at this remove from Bible lands, to reproduce the earthly scenes of the greatest of all dramas and histories and to place ourselves in position to see more vividly the life of the people who received the revelation of God which we have recorded in the Bible. From almost every page of the Bible there starts forth some hint of land or climate. Historical geography brings out all that and makes it concrete and real.

The book is well printed and bound, has fourteen beautiful, up-to-date maps, a full and accurate "pronouncing index," and five excellent closing chapters on the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Maccabæan and Roman periods. The introduction says it is offered "at moderate price."

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### **The Book and The Land.**

By Rev. R. W. Van Schoick, D. D. New York. Eaton and Mains Cincinnati. Jennings and Graham. 1904.

This is a part of the ephemeral literature which has grown up around the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention held in Jerusalem April a year ago, and the end is not yet. The author tells how he took the trip at the suggestion of a friend, who "gave the money to pay all expenses," and says he determined to show his appreciation of his friend's generosity by writing a faithful chronicle of the best he might learn concerning the Book and the Land, which is a constant testimony to the Book. The outcome is quite a readable "chronicle," of chief interest, doubtless, to members of the party and the author's personal friends, which, however, in book form is very attractive, well printed on good heavy paper, and beautifully illustrated from photographs taken on the trip.

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