

**St. Paul the Master-Builder.**

By Walter Lock, D.D., Warden of Keble College, Oxford. Methuen & Co., 36 Essex Street, London, W. C., England. 1905. Pages 124.

The first addition of this charming study of Paul appeared in 1899. It is a satisfaction, though not a surprise, to know that a second edition is called for. Dr. Lock discusses Paul as The Missionary, The Ecclesiastical Statesman, The Ethical Teacher. The scholarship of Dr. Lock is profound, the style simple and direct, the point of view practical. He speaks a wise and a strong word for those who wish a clean-cut picture of the leading facts in the great Apostle's life and work. It is seldom that one finds so small a book with so much wisdom and ripe scholarship. Dr. Lock has a candid mind and a balanced judgment that command assent. I wish the book might have a wide circulation in America. Dr. Lock himself is a teacher of rare skill and attractiveness and this volume shows him at his best.

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**The Representative Men of the New Testament.**

By George Matheson, D.D. New York, A. C. Armstrong & Son. 1905. Price \$1.50.

Dr. Matheson, the famous blind preacher of Edinburgh, has done a real service in carrying out the Representative Men of the Bible Series. He has now produced two volumes on the Old Testament and one on the New Testament. The studies in the Portrait of Christ in two volumes almost made a sensation by the originality and charm of his conceptions. Perhaps no living man has quite so penetrating an insight into Scripture characters as he. There are Dr. Alexander Whyte, of Edinburgh, and Dr. F. B. Meyer, of London, who have done excellent work, but Dr. Matheson has a quality all his own. There is indeed a sameness of method in all his books, though each character is quite distinct. He has a kind of sense for the distinct quality in a man. He seizes upon that and makes it stand out clear and sharp. John the Baptist he calls John the Expanded and John the Evangelist, John the Surrendered. No description is bet-

ter than Paul the Illuminated, though Barnabas the Chastened and Mark the Steadied are delightful. Matthew the Exalted and Cornelius the Transplanted also challenge attention. The prayer at the close of each discussion has a wonderful sympathetic touch and reverential feeling. The book is really so suggestive that it palls on one after awhile. It is best not to read it all at once, but a character at a time.

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### **Complete Index to the Expositor's Bible. Topical and Textual.**

By S. G. Ayres, B. D., Librarian of Drew Theological Seminary. New York, A. C. Armstrong & Son. 1905. Pages 312.

This volume adds much to the handy efficiency of the Expositor's Bible. A General Preface to the entire series has been provided by the editor, Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll. Prof. W. H. Bennett, of New College, London, writes the Introduction to the Old Testament section. He makes a plausible plea for the new views of the Old Testament. Certainly there is much less objection to criticism than formerly, but Prof. Bennett rightly admits that the critics hinder their own cause by their numerous disagreements. The majority of the books in the Old Testament section of the Expositor's Bible follow the new criticism. But it is too soon to say that their views will be final. There will inevitably come a soberer reaction that will be nearer the truth as has already happened in the New Testament field. Prof. W. F. Adeney, Manchester, England, who writes the Introduction to the New Testament section points this out well. He gives a fair and just survey of the New Testament problems of the present day as well as the progress made.

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### **The Isle That Is Called Patmos.**

By William Edgar Geil. Marshall Brothers, London.

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