

waxed hot and little reverence was shown to the bishop of Rome. The correspondence gives us the clearest view we have of his relations to the rest of the church at this period. It differs so widely from the position he holds to-day that it has long given the Catholics great trouble. In 1902 Leo Nelke published a vigorous book setting forth the Protestant view of this correspondence. The work before me is by a Catholic and is an answer to Nelke's work. It does not treat the question of heretical baptism as its name indicates, but the position of Stephen as revealed in this controversy. It has ecclesiastical approval and of course supports the claims of the Pope to-day. Neither its arguments nor its conclusions are to be accepted.

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The True Story of Robert Browne (1550?-1633).—

Father of Congregationalism, including various points hitherto unknown or misunderstood, with some account of the development of his religious views, and an extended and improved list of his writings.

By Champlin Burrage, M. A., Brown University. Research Fellow of Newton Theological Institution. Henry Frowde. London. 1906. Pp. 1-75.

Robert Browne is one of the most interesting figures in Christian history. His life has been the subject of numerous treatises and not a little controversy. The author of this pamphlet has become deeply interested in the subject in recent years and has made valuable additions to our knowledge of Browne's writings and life. These he sums up in the little work before us. It is published "as a supplement to, and corrective of, Dr. Henry Martyn Dexter's account of Robert Browne's life," and "as a companion work to Dr. Dexter's little volume, entitled "The True Story of John Smyth the Se-Baptist." The author does not believe that Browne was a coward or apostate, nor that he lost his mind in his old age. He differs from the current views on several other minor points. The pamphlet contains extended extracts from Browne's works, reproduced in the most exact and scholarly manner. The work is a real contribution to

church history. It must be consulted in order to know all there is to be known about Robert Browne.

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Nero.

By Stephen Phillips. New York. MacMillan Company. 1906. Price \$1.25 net. Pages 200.

This is a wondrously graphic tragedy. The poem does not cover all the career of Nero, but closes with the burning of Rome. It gives, however, the development of Nero in strong relief. There is the sure grasp of a master workman in this drama. One doubts if Mr. Phillips has done anything better than this brilliant portrayal of the world's most capricious tyrant. The world was at its nadir in moral conceptions and Nero was its exponent.

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V. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

How to Conduct a Sunday School, or Twenty-eight Years a Superintendent.

By Marion Lawrance. Fleming H. Revell Co. New York, Chicago, Toronto.

This is one of the most practical and helpful books which has been issued from the press for many a day on the Sunday-school. Mr. Marion Lawrance is an expert on the Sunday-school in all departments. The book consists of twenty-two chapters, with three appendices. Some of the topics dealt with in the chapters are as follows: The Sunday-school Equipped, The Sunday-school Organized, The Sunday-school Graded, Sunday-school Giving, Special Occasions, The Blackboard and Object Teaching, Temperance Day, Decision Day. The last chapter is on an intensely practical theme. That Big Boy and How to Deal With Him. Appendix A, is on A Superintendent's Suggestions to Himself; Appendix B, One Hundred Good Books for Sunday-school Workers; C, My Former Pastors: An Appreciation.

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