

and expressed the hope that some one would sometime render a selection of his sermons into English. In the introduction to this little volume Dr. Anderson speaks of having been similarly impressed with the remarkable adaptness to modern conditions which he had found in Asterius. In bringing the matter to his class one of his pupils became interested enough to make a study of Asterius, and the result is this little volume of translations by Prof. Goodspeed.

Five sermons are selected from those given in Migne's Greek Patrology. The translation is very pleasing and satisfactory, carefully done and marked with a flowing clearness that leaves nothing to be desired. There is no mistaking the thought of the ancient author. As to the merits of the discourses themselves the opinions of Dr. Broadus and of Dr. Anderson are fully sustained. They are remarkable discussions of some of the fundamental and lasting principles of Christian ethics and thus applicable to human nature and needs in all times. But there is lack of the evangelical note. The sermon on covetousness is rich in thought and suggestion for our times. The book is well worth careful reading.

E. C. D.

Stories of the Bible.

By Myles Endicott. Educational Publishing Company, Boston, etc.

The several volumes of this work are done in admirable style with clear large type on a high grade of white paper and with numerous illustrations from the best sources, and each chapter is introduced with a poetical selection of merit and appropriateness.

The stories are simply told without undue effort to simplify such as one finds in too many books for children.

The stories are not always accurate in detail and the abridgement sometimes omits important items that should not be wanting in the child's first impressions. The Eng-

lish, with some faults, is yet usually dignified and attractive.

Children, young and older, will read or hear these stories with great interest and such volumes are essential to their proper education. W. O. CARVER.

Kyrie Eleison.

A Manual of Private Prayers with Notes, etc. By H. J. Wotherspoon, M.A., of Edinburgh. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press.

Short forms for private prayer are given for every day in the week, morning, midday and evening. The selections from generally accepted liturgical sources are well made and put together, and the prayers are full of a good devotional spirit. For those who find the spiritual life helped rather than hindered by liturgical suggestion this little manual will be of real service; and for those who prefer and practice the spontaneous expression of their own individual feelings in prayer there still may be found much of good and useful uplift and guidance in the book. E. C. D.

Preaching.

A series of brief chapters. By Thomas McBride Nichols. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

This does not profess to be an exhaustive or technical treatise but only a series of sketches, originally published as articles for a periodical and gathered into a brief compass in book form. The articles are bright, derived from experience, sensible and just. They contribute nothing especially new, striking or of unusual value to the well-worn subject of which they treat, but they are sound and sensible discussions of a topic of perennial interest to all, and many a pastor will feel refreshed and helped in taking hold of the fundamentals of his business afresh by the reading of this pleasing treatment of the matter. E. C. D.