

thy health. Tell me how thou art. I went to Babylon and did not see thee. I was greatly disappointed. Send me the reason of thy leaving, and let me be cheered. In Marchesvan do thou come. For my sake keep well always." Prof. Johns thinks that Bibea was perhaps the writer's wife.

JOHN R. SAMPEY.

IV. CHURCH HISTORY.

John Knox. His Ideas and Ideals.

By The Rev. James Stalker, D. D., Professor of Church History, United Free College, Aberdeen, Scotland. A. C. Armstrong & Son. New York. 1904. 250 pp.

Dr. Stalker is well known to English and American readers through a number of excellent works on various New Testament subjects. The present work introduces him in a new field. He was recently elected Professor of Church History at Aberdeen, and this is his first publication in that position. It is offered as a contribution to the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Knox. The author has not contributed to our knowledge of either Knox or his work, and the style bears marks of haste in preparation. The first part of the work contains an interesting sketch of the life of Knox while, the last two parts, on his Ideas and Ideals, are largely made up of lengthy quotations from the work of Knox. The book is popular, and if it leads the Scots and others to a renewed study of the great Reformer it will have served a good purpose.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

Saint Paul and the Ante-Nicene Church. An unwritten chapter in Church History.

By Rev. Stewart Means, A. M., B. D. A. C. Black. London. 1903. 349 pages.

The object of this work is to set forth the more important doctrines of Paul and then show how far the Ante-Nicene church, in its leading writers—such as the

apostolic fathers, Justin, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Tertullian—fell short of Paul. The work is well done. Nothing could emphasize more strongly than such a comparison the immeasurable superiority of the New Testament over the subsequent literature. Such a comparison constitutes a valuable apologetic.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

The Church Covenant Idea. Its Origin and Development.

By Champlin Burrage. American Baptist Publication Society. \$1.00 net.

Mr. Burrage has put together an interesting and valuable collection of material on his subject. The subject itself attracts interest and awakens curiosity, and the treatment is meritorious. The author has confined his investigations to England and New England. His book would have been more valuable had he extended his researches to the West and South. In literary form the book could be improved by the relegation of much of the matter to appendices, by less of repetition, and more attention to arrangement and style. He has not given us either a complete or a particularly readable discussion, but the material, gathered with commendable diligence and pains, has its own interest and worth, and so we are greatly indebted to the author for his useful contribution to an important and apparently neglected phase of Congregational and Baptist history.

E. C. DARGAN.

The Holy Roman Empire.

By James Bryce, D. O. L. A new edition enlarged and revised throughout, with a chronological table of events and three maps. The MacMillan Company. New York. 1904. 575 pp. \$1.50 net.

This valuable work has been before the public for forty years and has passed through several editions. It has now been revised throughout by its distinguished author, who is still in the maturity of his powers, and two valuable