

churchman of the strictest type, and yet curiously enough his most earnest supporters were the Non-conformists. Gladstone was built on a very grand scale. His greatness was not of simple type. He was complex and many-sided. He held in solution apparently contradictory views and was able by refinement of reasoning to reconcile them. But Gladstone was a real Christian and a powerful exponent of fundamental Christianity. It is a distinct service to have this correspondence preserved. The best traits of Gladstone come out in the letters, and some of his weaknesses. Some of his best sayings come out in his correspondence. "To read much in the daily newspapers in early youth cloyes the palate; it is like eating a quantity of marmalade before dinner." He was not averse to expressing his opinion on any point. His ideas on all sorts of topics come out at every turn.

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Life in the Roman World of Nero and St. Paul. By T. G. Tucker, Litt.D., author of "Life in Ancient Athens", Professor of Classical Philology in the University of Melbourne. The Macmillan Co. New York. 1910. Pages 453. Price \$2.50.

The student of Paul will find this an extremely interesting book. The book is beautifully printed and the numerous illustrations are very attractive. The author has presented in epitome the life of the empire in its various phases. The security of the empire is sketched in one chapter. Another discusses travel. There is an admirable survey of the imperial system (the emperor, senate, knights and people). Nero comes in for a vivid portrayal. The system of taxes is explained. The bulk of the volume is devoted to Rome itself in all its varied life. The streets, the water supply, the building materials, the houses and furniture, the country house, the social life of a Roman aristocrat, the life of the lower and middle classes, the holidays, amusements (theatre, circus, amphitheatre), the life of the women (dress, marriage, the Roman matron), children, education, the army, religion, science, philosophy, art, burial, the tombs—these are the main topics of the book. The style is lucid and the

volume is crammed full of information of the most helpful nature. It is a worthy companion of his "Life in Ancient Athens". There is an excellent map of the Roman empire with the various provinces marked off. There are numerous details in the book which cause one to pause and wonder at the richness of the Roman life at the time of Paul.

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BOOK NOTICES.

I. HISTORICAL.

The Papacy. Its Idea and its Exponents. By Gustav Krüger, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Giessen. Translated by F. M. S. Batchelor and C. A. Miles. New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1909. Price \$1.50.

The wonderful history of the papacy never loses its interest. It is at once the oldest existing institution and the most stupendous example of evolution in history. The story of such an institution cannot fail to interest. In the present volume there is nothing new; but the growth of the idea and the institution of the papacy is admirably traced. Though the work is brief no important step or turn in that development has been omitted. One may be acquainted with the great works of Ranke, Pastor, Creighton and others which deal with the popes, and yet find this work valuable because it gives a condensed and yet clear conception of that development as a whole. It is not a history of the popes, but of the papacy, not of all phases of the subject but of the idea, the core of the papacy. The author is a master in his subject and one feels the tone of assurance throughout. It is a valuable book.

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This number of the "Transactions" contains a letter on an "Ordination at Southampton, 1691", the "Circular Letter of the Berkshire Association, 1707", "The Contents of Stinton's Repository", the second part of "A Sabbatarian Pioneer—Dr. Peter Chamberlen", "Thomas Newcomen: Inventor and