

II. PHILOSOPHY AND APOLOGETICS.

Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics. Edited by James Hastings, M.A., D.D., with the assistance of John A. Selbie, M.A., D.D., and other scholars. Volume III, Burial-Confessions. New York, 1911. Charles Scribner's Sons. Octavo, xvi+961 pages. \$7.50.

It has become evident that this Encyclopædia is to be of very great importance. In reviewing Volume II. we called attention to the wide range of subjects discussed. It approaches the scope and proportions of a general encyclopædia treated from the ethico-religious standpoint.

Volume III. is a notable one for the great number of important subjects and their elaborate treatment, amounting in several cases to extensive treatises. While, inevitably there will be inequalities in the matter of space assigned topics this volume is far less open to criticism in this respect than the preceding volumes. The "Buriats" would hardly be expected to occupy seventeen pages, especially when followed immediately by "Burma" with only twenty pages.

The method of having different phases of a subject treated by different writers prevents unity but provides a very useful variety and secures greater scholarship than generally could be otherwise secured. Twenty writers are represented in the eighty pages devoted to "Calendar" and the discussion is remarkably complete.

"Calvinism" is given eight and a half pages by Dr. Orr, who limits his work to an exposition of Calvinism and its earlier developments in the theologies of Protestantism. It is to be regretted that later modifications, the present position and influence, and the general influence of the system in history could not have been included.

The treatment of "Caste" is analytical but leaves much to be desired on the historical side. "Call, calling," is treated from the purely theological standpoint, which really does great violence to Paul's treatment of this important conception. Among the important subjects treated with gratifying ful-

ness are "Children," "Charms and Amulets," "Circumcision," "Communion With the Dead," "Communion With the Deity," "Confessions." "Cannibalism" is explained on the basis of the strictly natural evolution of man. "Church" is treated with fulness but with serious incompleteness and with a measure of space devoted to the "Church of England," utterly beyond reason.

Among the words which one misses are: *Calender, camp-meeting, candle-stick, census, choir*. Some of these may be treated under other headings, but they should appear at least for cross-reference.

W. O. CARVER.

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge. Volume IX. Petri to Reuchlin. New York, 1911. Funk and Wagnalls. Pages 518. Price \$5.00 per volume.

Each volume in this great work has attractions of its own. The constituency of the Review and Expositor will be chiefly interested in "The History of Preaching" by Dr. E. C. Dargan. This notable article covers thirty-two pages and is really a splendid hand-book on the subject, full and fresh and helpful. The longest discussion in the volume is that on Presbyterianism. The Puritans, the Popes, the Plymouth Brethren, all receive generous notice. It is not necessary to give a table of contents, but, among the more notable articles, one can mention those on Philo, Pharisees, Platonism, Philosophy of Religion, Polity, Priest, Portugal, Prussia, Prophecy, Psychotherapy, Pseudepigrapha, Resurrection. The titles will give one some conception of the range of topics covered. The bibliographies are full and useful. There are only three more volumes due.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Historic Christ in the Faith of Today. By William Alexander Grist. New York, 1911. Fleming H. Revell Company. 517 pages. \$2.00 net.

This work is a distinct contribution to the critical literature, so abundant now, concerning the reliability of the Gospel story and the historicity of Jesus as the Christ. The author comes to