

the hostile tone toward Jesus once so common among cultivated Jews. Mr. Montefiore regards Jesus as Unitarians do (p. 164), not as the orthodox Jews do (p. 116). He considers himself thus apart from both those orthodox Jews who glory in their law and the Christians who glory in Jesus. The real Jew thinks as much of the law as the Christian does of Jesus. By "law" he means also "tradition". That is exactly the charge Jesus made against the Pharisees. They put their traditions in place of the commandment of God. Mr. Montefiore says (p. 6): "The Cross of Christ, with all which it implies, is a proverbial stumbling block to the Jew; but no less is the law with its delights a stumbling block to the Christian". There is some force in this contrast, but our trouble with the law is not that we do not like it, but that we cannot keep it. Jesus frees us from the curse of the law. Mr. Montefiore says: "But then this Jew was the founder of the new, rival, and very soon the persecuting, creed" (p. 7). It is true, sadly true, that Christians have persecuted Jews. Mr. Montefiore lives under the shadow of that awful fact. But he should have been fair enough to have stated that Judaism began the persecution. The names of Jesus, Stephen and Paul ought to suffice for that aspect of the matter. On the whole Mr. Montefiore has not achieved the impossible. He has given a sympathetic appreciation of the ethical teachings of Jesus. He speaks kindly of the Messianic claims of Jesus. He looks at Him admiringly, but stops short of a full acceptance of Jesus as Messiah and Lord. He hopes both Christian and Jew are near the Kingdom. A. T. ROBERTSON.

**Pictures of the Apostolic Church; Its Life and Thought.** By Sir W. M. Ramsay, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D., Litt.D. Philadelphia. 1910. The Sunday School Times Company. Pages 420. \$1.50 net.

Dr. Ramsay wrote the Sunday school exposition for 1909 on the life of Paul in the Sunday School Times. These were done with Dr. Ramsay's accustomed skill and scholarship. They are more popular in style, but none the less accurate. No living man knows Asia Minor and its bearing on the career

of Paul as well as does Sir W. M. Ramsay. There are not so many novel suggestions and contributions in these chapters as in the earlier books for the simple reason that they have already been made. But here, better than elsewhere, the average man can get the results of Dr. Ramsay's researches in simple language and popular form. The book thus has a value all its own.

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**Researches in Palestine.** By L. L. Henson, D.D., pastor of Cranston Street Baptist church, Providence, R. I. Boston. 1910. Salem D. Towne.

In substance this treatise was originally written as a thesis for the University of Chicago after a journey of several months through Egypt and Palestine under the direction of Professor Herbert L. Willett. As the work of excavation in Palestine has made great progress since his visit, he attempts to bring the work done in the thesis down to date and to make it of greater interest and service in this form. While various articles and books have appeared of late in our own and other languages, giving the results of exploration here or there in Palestine and dealing pretty thoroughly in a fragmentary way with the work done at this place or that, no work in English has appeared hitherto essaying to give in a single volume the results of researches in general in Palestine. So there was need of a small book that would give the inquiring reader an adequate idea of the progress made in the last quarter of a century in the exploration and study of the Holy Land. As Professor Lewis Bayles Paton, of Hartford, says in the foreword, Dr. Henson has undertaken this task, and has achieved it with conspicuous success. He shows a mastery of the literature, a recognition of the fundamental problems, and an ability to decide on the basis of the evidence that is not often found in works of a popular character. The little book may well be commended as a trustworthy introduction to the science of Palestine archæology.

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