

The Fourfold Gospel. Section III. The Proclamation of the New Kingdom. By E. A. Abbott. The University Press, Cambridge, England; G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1915. 544 pp., 12s. 6d. net.

Dr. Abbott has reached Section III of Part X of *Diatessarica*, a veritable theological library. He is tireless and apparently exhaustless in his resources and researches. One wonders how a man with nothing else to do could do this. He has re-worked the fields where others have toiled and has plowed deeper and turned up the sub-soil. The technical student of the New Testament cannot afford to skip the researches of Dr. Abbott.

The full indices make his volume very handy.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

Studies in the New Testament. By A. T. Robertson, A.M., D.D., LL.D., Professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nashville, Tennessee, 1915, Sunday School Board Southern Baptist Convention. 284 pp. Cloth, 50c; paper 35c.

The title page describes this little volume as "A hand-book for Bible Classes in Sunday Schools, for teacher training work, for use in secondary schools, high schools and colleges. It is designated as "Book 8" in the "Normal Course" of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for Sunday school teachers. It is no easy feat to compress into so small a compass an outline of the history of the origin and beginnings of Christianity from the Restoration of the Jews from Babylon to the end of the New Testament period. But Dr. Robertson's mastery of this study and his literary work in this field, especially in his books on John the Baptist, Jesus and Paul, had especially prepared him for this service. His frequent and efficient work among Sunday School people and in popular assemblies had enabled him keenly to appreciate the methods most serviceable for presenting so much and so important matter for the students whose time and opportunities are limited. Here we have the result in a little volume that will prove an enormous blessing to thousands who desire to know and to teach the things of Christ to their generation. Very many will appreciate the need for fuller knowledge and will go on from this splendid introduction to

more thorough and adequate studies of Jesus and His Gospel and of the rise of His Church in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The workers and the Board are to be congratulated.

W. O. CARVER.

A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians. By the Rev. Alfred Plummer, M.A., D.D., Late Master of University College, Durham. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1915. 404 pp. \$3.00 net.

Dr. Plummer is the editor of the International and Critical Series of Commentaries and collaborated with Bishop Archibald Robertson in the recent commentary on I Corinthians in the same series. He is therefore in full command of all the problems concerning the church at Corinth and of these two great Epistles of Paul. In the same series also Dr. Plummer contributed the volume on Luke, long the standard work on this Gospel. Besides, Dr. Plummer has produced a wonderful commentary on Matthew. Then he has other smaller commentaries. Dr. Plummer has amplitude of knowledge, balance of judgment, exquisite workmanship in details, keenness of insight. The result is the best commentary in existence on II Corinthians. This Epistle has greatly needed a modern commentary in English and the want has been supplied in superb fashion by Dr. Plummer. The volume ought to make this rather neglected Epistle more used by ministers. Dr. Plummer is non-committal on the question whether chapters 10-13 form a separate epistle or not. He thinks the matter is pretty evenly balanced. The new discussions are kept constantly in mind and the reader has the whole case before him.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

Studies in the Second Epistle of St. Peter. By E. Iliff Robson, B.D. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1915. 67 pp. 75 cents.

Prof. Robson has made a fresh and suggestive study of the difficult problems connected with the Second Epistle of Peter. It is a mere monograph, but it is pointed and thoughtful and not dogmatic. He thinks that, even if Peter himself wrote the Epistle,