

BOOK TABLE.

[Under this head we will be pleased to give editorial reviews of all books and tracts of interest that may be sent to this office.]

THE LAMB IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE, or the History of the Cross, by Rev. J. M. Sherwood, well known as editor *Presbyterian Review*. Price \$2.00. Just issued.—The gist of the book is to give the True Idea of the Cross, and how to give it saving power in this age of the world.

1. The book is unique in character. It is a "body of divinity," not in formal statement or scientific treatment, but in historical order and development. The Cross is the central truth, and around it are clustered, in concrete form and historical relation, all the vital doctrines of Revelation. Christian Theology is thus taught in the form of a history; starting with God's eternal purpose of grace and tracing it down through all the dispensations of time and up to the splendid consummation in the eternal Kingdom; treating the several parts of the transcendent scheme in their historical order and relative significance.

2. The chief subject discussed is timely, and of the first importance, viz., the True Idea of the Cross, and how to give it saving power in the present age of the world; while the related themes, briefly passed in review, are all of current interest both to the ministry and Christians at large.

3. The view of the Cross as here presented, both in its doctrinal and practical aspects, is grand and glorious, and cannot fail to fire the Christian heart, while it will broaden one's conception of its infinite significance, and its scope and power as a moral redeeming force in God's Kingdom.

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Funk & Wagnalls, New York.

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repressed by law, as being flagrantly in opposition to public policy. "Woman in Politics," by ex-Surgeon-General Wm. A. Hammond, is a caustic discussion of certain facts of nervous organization which in his opinion render the female sex unfitted for participation in public affairs. Hon. Francis A. Walker reviews "Henry George's Social Fallacies," criticising in particular his doctrines regarding land-tenure and rent. The evils resulting from "Crude Methods of Legislation," both national and State, are pointed out by Simon Sterne, who advocates the adoption of certain rules of legislative procedure which, in English practice, have been found to serve as an effectual barrier, both against lobbying and against the mischiefs of ill-considered law-making. Charles F. Wingate writes of "The Unsanitary Homes of the Rich," and there is a joint discussion of "Science and Prayer," by President Galusha Anderson and Thaddeus B. Wakeman. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York, and for sale by booksellers generally.

Written for the Herald.

JESUS MY FRIEND.

BY MAY A. HAMLIN.

Heavenly Father be my friend!
Guide me till my life shall end!
And thy spirit, Lord, impart,
To my wayward, doubting heart.

Savior, be thou day by day,
Round about my path alway!
And when comes the even-tide,
Jesus, with my soul abide!

When afflictions round me roll,
Jesus, lover of my soul!
Thy dear sympathy impart,
To my grieving, yearning heart!

When the day of death draws near,
Take from me each doubt and fear;
Let thy visioned glory shine
Round this parting soul of mine!

When my eyes can see no more
Earthly love-lights on the shore,
When I feel the rising tide—
Press me closer to thy side!

Till my eyes the glory see,
That awaits my soul in thee!
When my soul is satisfied,
With thy joy beyond the tide!

Then, O then! my soul shall be
Satisfied, my Lord, in thee!
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