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ARTICLE I.

HODGE'S SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Systematic Theology. By CHARLES HODGE, D. D. Charles Scribner & Co. 3 Vols., 8vo.

We have here this long-expected work at length completed in three portly volumes, royal 8vo.—They are handsomely printed on firm, white paper of excellent body; but they are bound in flimsy muslin, in the flimsiest style of that despicable binding. Why will our modern publishers give the most weighty and enduring works to the public, in a dress appropriate only to some worthless fiction, to be quickly (almost as quickly as it deserves) worn out and thrown away? This outrage upon the rights and the tastes of readers is aggravated by the fact, that the publishers have doubled the prices of their books upon us within the last ten years. Is double pay, for shabbier work, to be one of the signs of modern progress? So it seems.

Our general verdict upon the work of Dr. Hodge may be expressed very fairly, by saying that it is such a book as the Presbyterian public expected of him; for that public has been long accustomed to recognise, and, whenever writing upon a subject in his own proper department, to value very highly Dr. Hodge's characteristics. We find the work then, learned, perspicuous, nervous, dogmatic, and orthodox. The doctrine which it asserts is dis-

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not by the accretions of new truth which the mind is able to evolve from the germs of revelation, but by that clearer apprehension of the relations, significance, and power of truth already given, by which the Church, under the guidance of the providence and Spirit of God, comes ever to a deeper consciousness of the exhaustless treasure she possesses in the written Word."

Having defined the limitations that justify the notion of a progressive theology, Dr. Van Zandt proceeds, with great judgment, to place on the ground of these very limitations, "the high estimation and continued use of creeds and confessions, those symbols and systems of doctrine in which the Church from the earliest days has sought to express and embody her faith." We had intended to reprint his excellent observations on this point, but are forced to omit them.

It will now appear that a striking and commendable peculiarity of this able address is, that it deals with the principles of theological science as it bears upon modern error. The fact is hereby evinced, that Dr. Van Zandt is equal to the demands of his important chair, in its connection with those present and like issues with reference to which the out-coming preachers of the Word ought to be thoroughly informed.

"The New Testament Quotations, Collated with the Scriptures of the Old Testament, in the Original Hebrew and the Version of the LXX.; and with the other Writings, Apocryphal, Talmudic, and Classical, cited or alleged so to be. With Notes, and a complete Index. By HENRY GOUGH. London: Walton & Maberly, Upper Gower Street, and Joy Lane, Paternoster Row. 1855." 300 pp. 8vo. With 38 additional pp. in Notes and Index.

We had long dreamed of some such volume, and can now speak from experience of its value. It is an inexpressible convenience in studying the book of Romans. You first look up the passage of the New Testament in the index, and are there referred to the page of Mr. Gough's book, which presents in one view, in the left hand column, the unpointed Hebrew text in large beautiful letters, like those of the Bagsters, and beneath

the Hebrew, in the same column, the authorised English Version; and, in the right hand column, the text of the LXX., with an English version of the same placed below it. Where the citation is alleged to be from an Apocryphal or Rabbinical writing, the Apocryphal or Rabbinical writing takes the place usually occupied by the Hebrew in the left hand column. Two, three, or more distinct passages of the New Testament are given in this way on a single page, with large type, margins, and interspaces; the section containing one passage of the New Testament with its parallels being separated from the preceding and succeeding sections by a black line running horizontally across the page. At the foot of each *section* there are somewhat copious, and very learned, and often useful notes on the various readings of the different writings presented, as well as on certain other points of interest connected with the text history, or interpretation of the passage cited, or of the Greek citation, or of the Greek or English translation. The book is a treat to the eyes, and is easily handled.

“*The Southern States since the War.* By ROBERT SOMERS. With Map. London and New York: Macmillan & Co. 1871.”
284 pp. 8vo.

This is a valuable contribution to the book-shelves. Mr. Somers is a highly intelligent Englishman, who gives in these pages the fruit of a twelvemonth of travel through the Southern States. It is gratifying to receive so able and complete a confirmation of the statements we are wont to make ourselves, from the mouth of an unprejudiced foreigner. The purpose of the volume is to give as the result of a “not too hurried tour of the Southern States,” an account of their condition under the new social and political system. This task is accomplished in thirty-nine interesting chapters. Mr. Somers is a practical observer and economist, rather than a picturesque tourist; although there are now and then lively episodes and fine descriptive touches in his book. The style is, generally speaking, plain and sober, rather than sprightly, or specially engaging; but it is exact and