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I.

THE NINETEENTH PSALM IN THE CRITICISM OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

IN the first part of the nineteenth Psalm, comprising verses 2-7, or 1-6 as numbered in the English versions, the Psalmist sings of the glory of God as displayed in the heavens:

- 2 The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
3 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
4 There is no speech nor language,
Their voice is unheard.
5 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

- In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
6 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
7 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

In the second part the glory of Jehovah's law is first extolled:

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| 8 The law of Jehovah is perfect,
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, | restoring the soul:
making wise the simple. |
| 9 The precepts of Jehovah are right,
The commandment of Jehovah is pure, | rejoicing the heart:
enlightening the eyes. |
| 10 The fear of Jehovah is clean,
The ordinances of Jehovah are true, | enduring forever:
and righteous altogether. |
| 11 More to be desired are they than gold,
Sweeter also than honey | yea, than much fine gold;
and the droppings of the honey comb. |

scapulary, by telling beads, by gaining indulgences on the merits of saints for this life or for souls in Purgatory—the Catholic places himself effectively in the communion of the saints, which is the communion of Jesus, which is the communion of God?"

The chapters on the growth of the hierarchy and the development of the Christian dogmas are able historical discussions and, on the whole, freest from inconsistencies. But the fundamental error, held in common with the Ritschlian whose theological peculiarities are here subjected to so searching a criticism, the error of setting up an internal dualism in the Christian consciousness between science and faith, between history and dogma, necessarily casts its evil influence over the entire discussion. Doubtless it were well for the Christian world if, in accordance with Loisy's wish, Rome could foster a more liberal spirit toward theological science; but his book convinces us, as his personal relations with the Vatican ought to convince him, that it is impossible for a man to remain an orthodox papist, or even a self-consistent thinker, when once he has committed himself to the hypothesis that he can still believe with the heart what is not true to fact in the judgment of his reason.

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THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MISSIONS: DESCRIPTIVE, HISTORICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL, STATISTICAL. Second Edition. Edited under the auspices of the Bureau of Missions by Rev HENRY OTIS DWIGHT, LL.D., Rev. H. ALLEN TUPPER, Jr., D.D., and Rev. EDWIN MUNSELL BLISS, D.D. Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1904. Pp. xii, 851.

The changes in the missionary world since the first appearance of this *Encyclopedia* in 1891 have been so numerous and important that a revision of the work has become imperative. The plan remains essentially the same, but the size has been reduced from two volumes to one. The revision has been effected chiefly, therefore, by condensations and excisions, although new articles have been inserted, old ones enlarged, and all brought up to date.

The work, like its predecessor, is an invaluable reference book. The contributors of special articles are acknowledged authorities. The bibliographies accompanying the leading topics are no doubt as helpful as they can at present be made. In short, the second is a worthy successor to the first edition of this useful encyclopedia.

But we must express our regret at not finding a thoroughly satisfactory index to the heterogeneous material of this ponderous volume. To be sure the Appendixes help to put one on the right track, but after all much time is likely to be lost in trying to get the full benefit of the work on a given question. The cross-references, too, might with advantage have been increased in number. We likewise find it hard to overlook the fact that not a single map or illustration has found its way into this edition. To remedy this defect would doubtless have added considerably to the cost of the work, but we must express the hope that in the next revision the editors will deem this improvement altogether worth while.

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V.—SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT, AND ITS HISTORICAL EVOLUTION. AND RELIGION AND MODERN CULTURE. By the late AUGUSTE SABATIER, Professor in the University of Paris, and Dean of the Protestant Theological Faculty. Translated from the French by VICTOR LEULIETTE, B.ès-L.