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metrical psalters ; hymns from Greek, Latin, and German sources ; English, Scottish, and Irish hymn-writers. The chapter about the Irish writers is specially interesting. "The hymn-writers of Ireland," says Canon Julian, "stand in numbers and in merit in the front rank of the singers of the Church." It is as hard to define a good hymnal as to lay down the essential elements of poetry or music. Canon Ellerton's dicta can hardly be beaten, "A good hymn must be sincere ; it must be vigorous ; it must be simple ; it must be brief ; and it must be adapted to music." In a future edition Mr. Lindsay might with advantage add a chapter on the composers of the most favourite hymn tunes, and also might give a list of hymns appropriate for every holy day of the Christian Year, as well as for special occasions. The selections in the Hymnal are inadequate.

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The Vision of Unity. By J. Armitage Robinson, D.D., Dean of Westminster. (Longmans.) 6d. net.—Contains the fine sermon preached by the Dean before the Lambeth Conference on July 5, 1908.

Literary Criticism and the New Testament. By R. J. Knowling, D.D. (S.P.C.K.) 2s.—A scholarly book giving in popular form the results of recent criticism on the New Testament up to 1907. On the conservative side.

A History of the Revised Version of the New Testament. By Samuel Hemphill, D.D., ex-Professor of Biblical Greek in the University of Dublin. (Elliot Stock).—The object of this book is to influence public opinion in the direction of a new revision of the New Testament on lines similar to those followed by the revisers of the Old Testament. But would this be possible, even as regards the construction of a revised text?

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The more important of these will be reviewed as space permits.

Modernism. The Jowett Lectures for 1908. By Paul Sabatier. (T. F. Unwin.) 5s. net.

Man and the Universe. By Sir Oliver Lodge. (Methuen.) 7s. 6d. net.

The History of Ireland. By Geoffrey Keating, D.D. Vols. II. and III. With Translation and Notes. By P. S. Dinneen, M.A. (Published for the Irish Texts Society by David Nutt.) 10s. 6d. each vol.

Historical and Political Essays. By the late W. E. H. Lecky. (Longmans.) 10s. 6d. net.

The Prose Works of Jonathan Swift, D.D. Edited by Temple Scott. Vol. XII. (George Bell.) 5s.