

and the glory of Thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

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### THE GRIEF OF NATIONS.

**F**LAGS half-mast high on many a castle wall,  
 Deep-throated cannon booming hoarse and slow,  
 A sable pomp, a ceremonial woe.  
 Such sombre gauds may mock a tyrant's pall,  
 But in the silence of the royal hall,  
 And round the quiet bier where She lies low,  
 How vain these symbols half our grief to show!  
 How true the tears that round her softly fall!  
 The Mother of her people lies asleep,  
 Her counsels hushed, her labours at an end,  
 Her brave heart stilled, her many sorrows o'er.  
 As sisters in their grief the nations weep,  
 As one in loving rivalry they blend,  
 To honour her dear name from shore to shore.

S. J. SMITH.

SANDIACRE RECTORY.

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### Short Notices.

*A Historical Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.* By W. M. RAMSAY, D.C.L. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 12s.

Professor Ramsay has become our foremost interpreter of St. Paul, and his works are essential to every student. In the present volume he first elaborates and defends his theory (now almost unanimously accepted) as to the Galatian churches to which the Epistle was addressed, and in this matter Lightfoot is superseded. In the second part he brings all his wealth of local and antiquarian knowledge to bear upon the text, and all his suggestions are worthy of study and consideration, and in many cases new. His standpoint—that of regarding St. Paul as the first great Christian statesman—is one that throws a new light on the life and work of the great Apostle. The maps which accompany the volume are the best that can be got. We hope that many more volumes of the same order may come from the same learned and fertile brain.

*Christ our Example.* By CAROLINE FRY. London: C. J. Thynne, 1900. Has deservedly reached its twenty-fifth thousand.

*Holy Matrimony.* By the Rev. W. J. KNOX-LITTLE. London: Longmans, 1900. Price 5s.

A new volume of the "Oxford Library of Practical Theology." The practical parts of this treatise are very good. Its theological and ecclesiastical sections are disfigured by an unreasoned and unreasoning partisanship.