

CURRENT LITERATURE.

Two popular biographies of Scotsmen in the mission field are now published, *Gilmour of Mongolia* (by W. P. Nairne) and *Tom Dobson* (by Dr. Nicol MacNicol), each costing 3s. 6d. (Hodder and Stoughton). Gilmour's life has been already told by Mr. Richard Lovett, but it bears re-telling for our generation; it is the record of hard, pioneering work, done by a man of intense devotion. Young Dobson's life is told for the first time by a friend and colleague. He was a strong personality, deeply interested in the outcast of India, whose life he served at Poona and Jalna, as a printer in the local missions. He was murdered in 1922 by an Arab servant. Dr. MacNicol tells the story of his life in a way which throws much light upon the labour problem of modern India, and the short biography is one to stir the reader's interest in the man and in his special work, the work of a layman who sought to release the poor natives from the grip of an evil money-lending system and to bring them into social as well as religious freedom.

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The Wesleyan Methodist Social Welfare Department did well to induce the Rev. F. J. Harvey to write a small book on *Sunday Observance* (The Epworth Press, City Road, London, E.C.). For ninepence this excellent short study may be purchased. Its merit is that it presents a sane case for resisting the secularisation of Sunday, without appealing to a "Sabbatarianism" which no longer commands credit. The problem of Sunday observance has become extremely urgent in most parts of the country, and it is essential that those who seek to conserve the good of Sunday should argue their case wisely. To identify it with any statutory enforcement of the Old Testament Sabbath is out of the question. Mr. Harvey, like those for whom he speaks, lays proper stress upon the value attached by our Lord to the day as a day of worship and human service, and corrects the common idea that our Lord approved of laxity in this respect. To all clergymen and ministers, especially, we very cordially recommend this pamphlet; they will learn from its pages how to handle the subject intelligently and effectively.