

## At the Literary Table.

### THE BOOKS OF THE MONTH.

(The Prices of the Books mentioned below will generally be found in the Advertisement pages.)

#### II.

PERSONALITY, HUMAN AND DIVINE. BY J. R. ILLINGWORTH, M.A. (*Macmillan*. 8vo, pp. xv, 274.) 'If I am not mistaken, Mr. Illingworth's lectures will be found to mark the beginning of a new phase in the religious thought of our time,—a phase in which philosophy will once more take its proper place in supplying a broad foundation for other branches of theological study, and, at the same time, quickening them with new life. Philosophy is, after all, still the queen of the sciences. Its influence is felt in every department of human thought, especially the highest. And it seems that at last, if my judgment does not deceive me, we have a Christian philosophy which is on essentially right lines,—a philosophy on which we can take our stand, strongly and confidently, and from which we can each go forward to that branch of study which has a call for us.'

These are not the words of an optimistic reviewer with a good digestion. They were spoken at the Exeter Church Congress, and the speaker was Professor Sanday of Oxford. For Professor Sanday also can be enthusiastic when the occasion warrants enthusiasm.

And after these words of Dr. Sanday, what need be said? This, perhaps. That the book has now been published (it had only been given as the Bampton Lectures for 1894, when Dr. Sanday spoke), and it is found to contain 'an admirably clear and strong expression of thoughts' to which, as Professor Sanday shows, others have been graduating as well as himself. For a course of lectures, the volume possesses a surprising philosophical unity; for a connected philosophical treatise, it is surprisingly popular and readable.

A CHARGE DELIVERED TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER. BY RANDALL T. DAVIDSON, D.D. (*Macmillan*. 8vo, pp. iv, 90.) There are three addresses. The title of the first is 'The Diocese'; of the second, 'The National Church'; of the third, 'Ministry of Word and Sacrament.' And the note struck in the first is carried to the

end of the last. It is a note of work to be done, and the demand for earnest men to do it.

We must be here to work,  
And men who work can only work for men,  
And, not to work in vain, must comprehend  
Humanity, and so work humanly,  
And raise men's bodies still by raising souls.

THE KESWICK LIBRARY. (*Marshall Bros*. 16mo, six vols., pp. 112 each.) Under the title of 'The Keswick Library,' Messrs. Marshall Brothers are at present issuing a series of small books, of which the first prominent feature is their attractive shape and binding. They all deal with parts of what has come to be called the 'Keswick Platform.' But they are quite independent of one another. The titles are of less account, since they are chosen to bring out some prominent thought rather than describe the book itself; but these are the men: Mr. F. B. Meyer, Prebendary Webb-Peploe, Mr. Evan H. Hopkins, Mr. Hubert Booke, Mr. C. A. Fox, and Mr. G. H. C. Macgregor. These six are to be followed by other six writers, in monthly volumes; and when the series is complete, it will be a pleasure to attempt some exposition of their aim and doctrinal position. Meanwhile it is enough to commend the volumes that are issued, and that may be done very heartily. They are written, as will be seen, by prominent Keswick men; and they are excellent examples of the work of these men at its best. Nay, more than that, the little books are capable of leading us to a closer walk with God, and will scarcely fail so to lead us, if we will read them prayerfully and in a teachable spirit.

THE GUIDE FOR 1894. (London: *R. J. Masters*. 4to, pp. 208.) And it is a guide. It sees clearly, for it follows the Light and does not walk in darkness, and therefore it guides aright. Many young men have risen up already and called this editor blessed. Many old men may sit down and enjoy its chatty wisdom, and wish they had had this guide when they were young.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS IN VERSE. By JAMES KEITH. (Edinburgh: *Menzies*. Foolscap 8vo, pp. 333.) There are persons living still who break into uncontrollable laughter when they read certain verses in Tate and Brady's Psalms in Metre. These persons will find the same occasion for mirth in Mr. Keith's version; and also in the Authorised Version of the Psalter itself. For in the first place it is what David said, not what Tate and Brady say, that moves their laughter—that allusion, for example, to Moab and the illustration of the washpot and the shoe. So Mr. Keith may let them laugh. He, at least, knows David well, and familiarity with this great man breeds not contempt but reverence. He reverences David, and has done as much as any man is ever likely now to do to turn David into English verse. He has given us a great variety of metres, and offers to give us more if we desire it. He has given us the Psalms in verse once more, in short, and they who have any interest in this matter will not pass his work by.

GRIP THE OLD BOOK. By THE REV. JOHN PHILIP, M.A. (Aberdeen: *A. & R. Milne*. Crown 8vo, pp. 41.) We have had titles like this before, and found their meaning to be fear and trembling for the Ark of God. But Mr. Philip has none of it. And yet he might have, if any man. For since his early youth he has taught the inerrancy of the Bible, and now in his old age he hears its inerrancy challenged all around him. But he believes that the critics are not all dishonest and disloyal, and that when they have done their work, the Book, which is great and necessary now, will be greater still and yet more necessary. So this is the true believer in the Word of God. And this man's faith will steady the faith of other men.

A SELECTION FROM THE WRITINGS OF DEAN STANLEY. EDITED BY ANTHONY S. AGLLEN, M.A. (*Murray*. Crown 8vo, pp. 440.) Few men will suffer less from this process of selection, which has now become so common, than Dean Stanley. His works were volumes of 'selections,' not from other persons, but from his own mind. He wrote in pictures, not in arguments. Archdeacon Aglen's difficulty, therefore, must have been what to leave out, not where to gather in. He has done well. Stanley is now more accessible

than ever. How often have his graphic paragraphs been read in other men's books, and heard from other men's pulpits! They will do duty in so excellent a manner more largely now; and Mr. Aglen's Indexes will give us the maximum of utility with the minimum of vexation of spirit.

LYRICS OF A LONG LIFE. By NEWMAN HALL. (*Nisbet*. Foolscap 8vo, pp. 256.) It is a great pleasure to receive this complete edition of Dr. Newman Hall's Hymns. They do not rank among the very highest, but they are always sincere, and always in touch with the truth as it is in Jesus. They are very welcome, but most of all will they be welcomed by those who know Dr. Hall best.

THE HOLIEST OF ALL. By THE REV. ANDREW MURRAY. (*Nisbet*. Crown 8vo, pp. xi, 552.) Under this quite appropriate title Mr. Murray has given us an exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews. He wrote it first for his Dutch Christians in Wellington, South Africa. He wrote it that they might be warned against backsliding, and encouraged rather to go on unto perfection. For this is the epistle of the pilgrimage journey whose way is rough, but whose end is glorious. And now he has written it in English for the much more numerous band of English-speaking Christians who make little progress, and are even in risk of falling away.

It is less an exposition than a treatise on the way to walk uprightly, with this epistle for text. If there are any vexed questions of interpretation, there is also abundance that is undisputed, and out of that how much practical wisdom and solemn warning may be gathered! So we will not delay over vexed questions. It is a book to be read in secret, not without prayer. Let us enter our closet and shut to our door, and as we read it pray to our Father which is in secret. Let us choose it also as a gift for the New Year—it is so handsome outwardly, it is so wholesome within.

CALVINISM POPULARISED. By H. A. LONG. (*Nisbet*. Crown 8vo, pp. xv, 171.) Mr. Long describes himself in his title-page as 'the Protestant Champion of Scotland.' And that is the tone of the volume. The persons of the dialogue are 'He' and 'I'; and 'I' wins the victory easily. But there are victories that are crushing defeats.

THE BIBLE BY MODERN LIGHT. By CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE, D.D., LL.D. (*Nisbet*. Crown 8vo, pp. 560.) This is the last volume of the new edition. Its period is from the Exile to Malachi. Its manner is the same. Dr. Geikie has not done this thing exactly as it might be done; he has not done it as he might have done it. Yet there is no other work in existence at present that will serve our purpose half so well. And now, before passing from it, let a word of sincere thanks be spoken to Dr. Geikie for his full and painstaking indexes, and to the publishers for the excellence of all their work.

AN ILLUSTRATIVE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE-BOOK FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS. BY THE REV. G. S. BOWES, M.A. (*Nisbet*. Crown 8vo, pp. vii, 410.) What we are used to call the 'Subjects' in the Bible are arranged alphabetically, and under each subject is found a gathering of texts. Sometimes the texts are quoted, sometimes not, but nearly always there are light touches of explanation, illustration, or application. Thus:

'CLEANSING: Num. xix.—"The water of separation," referred to in its typical import (Heb. ix. 13), as sanctifying to the purification of the flesh, pointed to a purification more spiritual and complete.'

It is easy to see how useful that will be. It is easy to predict a place for this book close to the preacher's hand.

GREAT PRINCIPLES OF DIVINE TRUTH. BY THE LATE REV. EDWARD HOARE, M.A. (*Nisbet*. Crown 8vo, pp. viii, 296.) These sermons of the late Canon Hoare have been edited by his son, the Vicar of Aylsham. The selection was mainly made by Canon Hoare himself. And it is very well known how Canon Hoare will be found to speak on such great principles of divine truth as Propitiation, Redemption, Repentance, Justification, Forgiveness, and the like. They say his thoughts are not the thoughts of the Church of England to-day. But that is a minor matter. They seem to be the thoughts of Scripture. And even if this must be deprecatingly spoken of as 'the old-fashioned teaching of the Evangelical body in the Church of England,' let it be remembered that that old-fashioned teaching went to the new-fashioning of men in Christ Jesus as no other teaching has done since its day.

Both the publishers and the editor have done what they could to make the volume worthy of its author and the real greatness of its matter.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS IN HEBREW. By S. R. DRIVER, D.D., and H. A. WHITE, M.A. Also, THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL IN HEBREW. By K. BUDDE, D.D. (*Nutt*. 4to, pp. 32 and 100.) Two additional volumes of Professor Hampt's courageous enterprise have just appeared. Professor Driver's *Leviticus* is conservative and cautious; Professor Budde in *Samuel* is exceedingly bold. No doubt *Samuel* presents special temptations to the professional emendator—no doubt you *must* become an emendator, and on a somewhat liberal scale, there. Yet the difference is remarkable between these two volumes, after all such allowance is made. And English scholars will use Driver with the greater pleasure.

The mechanical production of the volumes deserves the utmost praise. The printing is done by Drugulin, the polychromy by Fritzsche, and the paper is supplied by Flinsch, all of Leipzig. Can the work be done yet in this way in our own country?

THE INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN TEXT-BOOK. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*.) Ministers, superintendents, and teachers in search of a convenient book of the Lessons for themselves, or a convenient and imperishable text-book for their pupils, should write for a specimen of this. The Lessons are here, the Golden Texts in full and in large type, the Home Readings for the week, and a page for attendance marks. There is also an edition with the Shorter Catechism as an appendix.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. By A. SCOTT MATHESON. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*. Crown 8vo, pp. viii, 375.) Mr. Scott Matheson has apparently written the most useful book hitherto on this subject. It is full of matter, and at least gives us the information to form our own judgments on. It will spread with its own momentum, as money grows. This is the second edition; it will more speedily pass out of that, in all probability, than out of the first. For it is just the means of forming a judgment that Christian men and women want.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE PARACLETE. BY THE REV. JOHN ROBSON, D.D. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*. Crown 8vo, pp. xiv, 248.) Part of this work has already appeared in the pages of THE EXPOSITORY TIMES, as Dr. Robson has not forgotten to mention. And it attracted some notice there, especially the last article on the 'Work of the Holy Spirit in Christ.' That article proved that Dr. Robson has worked independently on this great and difficult subject. The clear separation of the Spirit's presence in Christ at His birth and at His baptism was felt to be fresh and true, and forcibly expressed. But the articles in THE EXPOSITORY TIMES form but a fraction of this book. It is a popular Manual on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, not yet complete and not yet final, but making a distinct step forward, and already beyond all its popular predecessors.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AFTER A CENTURY. BY THE REV. JAMES S. DENNIS, D.D. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*. Crown 8vo, pp. 368.) Foreign Missions, as even stray travellers tell us, are now conducted according to the most exact methods of science, and the time must be near when we shall look for their place on the programme of the British Association. It is already possible to classify results and make inductions. It is possible to write the Scientific Manual of Foreign Missions. And Dr. Dennis seems to have written it. His work will find no favour in the eyes of those who deny to Missions the name of Science or even Common Sense. But he can afford to ignore these persons, for their number has been rapidly diminishing of late. By those who want to know all about Foreign Missions, and want to be sure that they are not imposed upon, this book will be most welcome. It is written with knowledge that is exceptionally wide and exceptionally intimate. And, what is more surprising, it is written with precision and without prejudice. Two chapters are particularly useful at present: Chapter iv., which discusses 'Present-Day Problems of Theory and Method in Missions'; and chapter v., which explains 'Present-Day Controversies of Christianity with Opposing Religions.'

Professor Lindsay characteristically introduces the book to its English audience.

IN HIS STEPS. BY THE REV. J. R. MILLER, D.D. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*. Crown

8vo, pp. 120.) Dr. Miller's writings are many, though unambitious, and they have proved acceptable to readers in this country. Hence the publishers are justified in issuing his latest volume at so cheap a rate and so attractively. The little book is written to guide 'young Christians setting out to follow Christ.' It has ten short chapters: Beginning Well; The Ideal; Consecration; Conflict; Service; Personal Prayer; and the like. If young Christians could but stumble on this book, they would find a blessing in it.

JACOB BEHMEN: AN APPRECIATION. BY ALEXANDER WHYTE. (*Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier*. Crown 8vo, pp. 86.) It takes a great man to know a greater, and it is a tribute to the largeness of Dr. Whyte's own soul, that he finds these men so noble,—Dante, Bunyan, Rutherford, Behmen,—and makes them seem noble to the smallest of us. This is only a lecture. But we know Behmen now as we did not before, with all our reading in him and about him.

TILL HE COME. BY C. H. SPURGEON. (*Passmore & Alabaster*. Crown 8vo, pp. 358.) The readers of the 'Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit' need not fear that they will be buying twice, for these Communion Addresses have not been published there. They are chosen from a large pile, for it was Mr. Spurgeon's way to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper every Sabbath day. Some of them were spoken in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, when thousands heard, some in the presence of a few friends in the sitting-room at Mentone. They show us their author when he was most himself,—that is to say, when he was most in Christ; when Christ was most in him.

HISTORY OF S. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. BY THE ABBÉ LÉON LE MOUNIER. Translated by A FRANCISCAN TERTIARY. (*Kegan Paul*. 8vo, pp. xxiv, 524.) It is doubtful if a History of S. Francis, written in the modern spirit and with the modern conception of the miraculous, is possible now. If possible, it would be a thankless task. For we can only know S. Francis from the pages of his historians, and in their pages it is impossible now to discover that separation which the modern Protestant spirit demands. It would be a thankless task, therefore; for whatever would be found as the result of the labour would neither be S.

Francis nor worth knowing. Le Mounier has no heart to run the risk. He is in utmost sympathy with the spirit that made S. Francis what he really was, and the spirit that made him what we know him now. When Protestants read such a story, for example, as the flight of Clara Scef from her father's house, and see the hand that S. Francis had in it, they are quite unable to appreciate the motives or approve the act. But Abbé le Mounier has no such compunctious visitings of conscience. He approves, he adores. In that act Francis is S. Francis and God's fellow-worker, Clara is made S. Clara, and, whatever might happen in the future, henceforth irrevocably God's.

Well, it is probably the only history of S. Francis that can be written now. Surely Sabatier has proved that. It is, at anyrate, the only history we should all care to read. For, let us sift and even disbelieve as heartily as we will, but let us have the matter to sift.

The translation is well done, and the publishers have given us a most handsome and creditable volume.

LIFE'S GOLDEN MORN. BY THE REV. GEORGE PHILIP, D.D. (Edinburgh: *Stevenson*. Foolscap 8vo, pp. 152.) It was recently said by one of our ablest preachers, that the man who would gather the recollections which great men have left of their boyhood would confer a signal benefit on those who had to do with the training of the young. That is exactly what Dr. Philip has done here. And he has not only gathered the recollections out of a wide range of reading, but has made a connected narrative of them in a succession of most interesting chapters and under appropriate headings. Quite unpretentious and very cheap, the volume will be found of the utmost immediate utility to preachers and teachers alike.

THE CATHOLIC REVIVAL OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. BY GEORGE WORLEY. (*Elliot Stock*. Crown 8vo, pp. xv, 152.) There are many histories of the Oxford Movement, but they are fractional and academic. A complete and popular narrative has been a felt want. Mr. Worley has apparently the necessary sympathy and knowledge, and has actually made the effort to supply the want. The only objection to his book is its brevity. Within his limits he

has done remarkably well, and the Dean of St. Paul's, who compliments him on his success in an Introductory Note, does so justly.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. BY WILLIAM WOODS SMYTH. (*Elliot Stock*. 8vo, pp. x, 250.) Mr. Smyth is an evolutionist and a believer. His purpose is to prove that evolution accepted as a working theory of the universe does not blot out God, but demands and displays Him more than ever. This is the second enlarged edition of the book. The additions are placed within brackets, which may be a convenience for those who already possess the first edition. In the preface Mr. Smyth charges Professor Henry Drummond with misappropriation of ideas. To which Professor Drummond would probably answer that he has clothed them in a more attractive style, and given them a wider-currency.

PUBLIC PRAYERS. BY A CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER. (*Elliot Stock*. Crown 8vo, pp. 50.) One shrinks from even reading printed prayers; to criticise them is impossible. If one could pray these prayers and hear some worshipper's heart say, 'That helped me, that drew me nearer to the throne of mercy.' They seem short and reverent and true.

FURTH IN FIELD. BY HUGH HALIBURTON. (*Fisher Unwin*. Crown 8vo, pp. viii, 280.) Send this book abroad to the sons of Scotia in greater Scotland. Those who remain will be glad to listen by their ingle-side to the customs of their boyhood passed away, or the yet older and stranger frolics of their fathers, long since driven out of the land. But it is they who have no Scottish ingle-side to sit by, who have smelt no peat reek, and tasted no savoury sowens these many years, who will most relish Mr. Haliburton's toothsome gossip.

DANTE, BEATRICE, AND THE DIVINE COMEDY. BY CHARLES TOMLINSON, F.R.S., F.C.S. (*Williams & Norgate*. Crown 8vo, pp. 99.) In these ten chapters, delivered as lectures at University College, London, so long ago as 1878, we have the externals of the poem,—the Scribe, the Printer, the Poet, the rhythm, Beatrice, Dante's Portrait, and even Dante's Bones. Well, we wish to know the externals; we *must* know

them, here if anywhere. For does not our whole entrance into the poem depend upon our conception of its external features—who or what Beatrice was, for example? Here they are then, in delightful brevity and apparent truthfulness.

**THE EVANGELICAL MAGAZINE.** (*Elliot Stock*. 8vo.) *The Evangelical Magazine* renews its youth and mounts up. The issue for January will open a new volume, and itself will open with an article by Mr. Gladstone. Now when an article by a great man is discovered and republished, it is generally found that the man is greater than the article. This article is remarkable in itself, and the author will be forgotten in the deep interest of the subject. Its subject is, 'The Evangelical Movement: its Parentage, Progress, and Issue.'

**THE REUNION QUESTION.** By W. T. MOORE, M.A., LL.D. ('*Christian Commonwealth Office*. Crown 8vo, pp. 48). Dr. Moore, besides editing with quite exceptional ability the *Christian Commonwealth* (to which, by the way, it is announced that Dr. Maclaren is in future to be a weekly contributor), finds time also to consider and discuss such questions as the Reunion of the

Churches, and even go to Grindelwald to discuss them. This is his address there last summer, and is great enough to be included henceforth in the literature of its subject.

**THE MINISTER'S DIARY, 1895.** (*Hodder & Stoughton*. 2s.) The indispensable Vade Mecum. You cannot be a minister without it.

#### PAMPHLETS:—

1. *The Life with God.* By Phillips Brooks. (Allenson. Crown 8vo, pp. 27.)
2. *Immersion proved to be not the Scriptural Mode of Baptism.* By Rev. W. A. Mackay, B.A., D.D. (Edinburgh: R. W. Hunter. Crown 8vo, pp. 126.)
3. *Notes on Romanism.* By the Rev. P. Barclay, M.A. (Edinburgh: R. W. Hunter, 16mo, pp. 68.)
4. *The Value of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.* By W. T. Whitley, M.A., LL.M. (Melbourne: Watt & Co. Crown 8vo, pp. 32.)
5. *India as a Field for Industrial Enterprise.* (Calcutta: Office of 'The Indian Engineer.' Demy 4to, pp. 26.)

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