

"BEFORE THE CROSS;" a Book of Devout Meditation : by Dr. Titcomb, Bishop of Rangoon.

Its character and spirit we gather from the motto on its title page:—

"Sweet the moments, rich in blessing
Which before thy cross I spend."

In the preface a very wise sentence meets us which is needed to widen the idea of the Cross from being as it is to too many, an instrument or means of *simple pardon*. "The grave conquered, the kingdom of heaven opened, the eternal inheritance secured, the mediatorial intercession, the mission of the comforter, the regeneration and sanctification of the human heart,— all these blessed fruits of the atonement gather as much round the Cross of Calvary as the forgiveness of sins and the finished work of reconciliation." This book also has come from that perennial fountain of pure literature, Paternoster Row, London.

"THE OPEN FOUNTAIN." By the Rev. Robert Lang.

This is a plain, earnest, practical book, on such points as:—"How to come to Christ," "Faith," "Assurance," "Doubts and Fears." We do not feel very sure that the writer, a Presbyterian Minister, is altogether safe from the leaven of what might be called "Hyper-evangelism." He pushes for instance his exaltation of *faith* so far that one is tempted to exclaim, "was faith crucified for you? Were ye baptised in the name of faith?" "We are saved," he says, "by faith alone; not by faith and works together." It is true we are *justified* by faith alone: but justification is not *salvation*. Salvation includes sanctification and glorification, hence Christians are told to work out their salvation. We are not really and fully saved till "*we are openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment.*" Do not works enter into the final judgment that is passed on the saints at the last day? Yes! truly. See 2 Cor. v. This is not the time to cast discredit on works, when the standard of morality is so low among those who are quite sound on the doctrine of "justification by faith alone." This book also is by the Tract Society.

THE NEW LIFE NOT THE HIGHER LIFE: By Dr. Pitzer.

In this little book we meet a sentence which harmonizes with what has been written on the "Open Fountain." "Salvation," Dr. Pitzer says, "in all its parts is one. It is the application of the one grace of the one God to man. The links may be many, but the chain is one. Believers are said to be justified, adopted, regenerated, sanctified, glorified: but the work is *one*, and Jesus Christ the Son of God is both author and finisher." This book is by the Philadelphia Board of Publication.