

an almost infinite variety of curious lore. The subjects treated are not those which one finds in sober cyclopedias. These treat the lighter side of literature. Among the many topics of which examples are given are quaint and curious advertising, curious Bibles, bibliomania, bulls "Irish and not Irish," curiosities of criticism, "English as she is spoke," curious epitaphs and epigrams, literary forgeries, some famous hoaxes, macaronic literature, mistakes of authors, paradoxes and puzzles, mystifications and impositions, quotations and mis-quotations, etc.

Who has not often wanted to find the origin of some phrase, to verify some out-of-the-way quotation? In this book he will be almost sure to be able to do so. A deal of amusing, as well as useful information will be found in these pages. The index contains over 1,100 references to out-of-the-way information.

*Atonement, the Fundamental Fact of Christianity.* By NEWMAN HALL, LL.B., D.D. London: Religious Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 70 cents.

"It hath not pleased God," says Bishop Butler, "to reveal precisely in what way the atonement of Jesus Christ avails for the salvation of mankind." In like spirit, Dr. Newman Hall remarks: "Explanations may vary, but the fact remains. Sinners are saved by reliance on Christ who died, and not by accepting any particular theory. As we may profit by the solar ray without knowing the nature of light, and be nourished by food while ignorant of the process of digestion, so multitudes are saved through the atonement, who cannot explain it. Variations of theory may exist among those who possess the same steadfast faith. It has been truly said that all explanations of the atonement have partial truth: Christ did die as a martyr; as an example; as a pattern of self-surrender; to show sympathy; as our representative; to reveal the love of God; to satisfy the claims of government; to make us good. The atonement fulfils all

these purposes; but each is not all; and all are defective without this: 'He bare our sins in His own body on the tree.'"

Our author admits candidly and frankly the misrepresentations and objections to the atonement, demonstrates its nature as a power for purity, adduces the witness of experience, and brings the saving truth home with power to the heart and conscience. The purpose of the volume is to show that salvation through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ is not merely an important, but a fundamental fact of Christianity.

*Christ, the Evidence of Christianity.*

By REV. PRINCIPAL CAIRNS, D.D.

London: Religious Tract Society.

Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 90c.

This volume from the pen of the late lamented Principal Cairns, author of "Unbelief in the Eighteenth Century," will be welcomed by many admirers of that distinguished man. This is one of the series of "Present Day Tracts" on important religious topics. In addition to the one which gives its title to the volume, there are included "The Arguments of Christianity from the Experience of Christians," "The Success of Christianity, and Modern Explanations of it," "Christianity and Miracles at the Present Day," "Is the Evolution of Christianity from Mere Natural Sources Credible?" "The Present State of Christian Argument from Prophecy." They are marked by the elevation of thought, and clear and cogent expression for which Dr. Cairns was so well known.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Cecil F. Lavell, whose name appeared in connection with the beautiful Hymn on the Ascension from the Spanish of Ponedelon, writes to say that he is not the translator of the hymn and that it was through an error in this office that his name so appears. We regret the mistake, but our readers will be very thankful to Mr. Lavell all the same for calling their attention to this beautiful Spanish hymn.