

## BOOK NOTICES.

WORKS BY THE REV. GEORGE  
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*The Baseless Fabric of Scientific  
Scepticism.* London: Smart &  
Allen. Price \$1.75.

*Theistic Problems; Being Essays on  
the Existence of God and His Re-  
lationship to Man.* London:  
Hodder & Stoughton. Price \$1.20.

*Christianity and Secularism.* Price  
90 cents.

*Is Secularism the True Gospel for  
Mankind?* Price 35 cents.

*Fallacies of Secularism.* Price 35  
cents.

The visit of Dr. Sexton to our country, and his lectures and sermons in several of our cities, have attracted attention very conspicuously to some of the profoundest questions which at the present time are agitating the mind of man. These are questions which will not down—questions which demand frank discussion and rational solution. In the works above mentioned these questions are treated with a fulness, a clearness, a logical force that, we think, must carry conviction of the inviolate claims of revealed religion to every candid mind.

The first volume opens with a masterly review of Professor Tyn-dall's now famous Belfast address, in which its scientific materialism is thoroughly examined, and incontrovertibly refuted. The second paper is a discourse delivered at the Caven-dish Rooms, London, on the true relations of science and religion. In elevation of thought, and eloquence of diction, it is one of the most admirable of the series. Other papers are on such august themes as, God and Immortality, the Mystery of Physical Life, Man a Spiritual Being, etc.

The second volume discusses with trenchant skill the Folly of Atheism, Agnosticism, the Divinity that shapes

our Ends, Worship and its Modern Substitutes, One God and One Mediator between God and Man. It does not require the attestation of the learned societies of Naples, Rome, Great Britain, and the United States to make us feel that these questions are discussed with the clear insight and vigorous grasp of an acknowledged master in science as well as in theology and psychology. There is, too, a rhetorical charm about these discourses which makes them very fascinating reading. The learned author has the faculty of treating the most abstruse subjects in a most lucid and luminous manner, and of weaving about those high themes the spell of poetry and eloquence.

The other works above mentioned deal with an aspect of scepticism which is becoming more pronounced and aggressive in both the Old World and the New. Two of the books are discussions with G. W. Foote and Charles Watts, leading advocates of Secularism. This sort of discussion, while it may give point and dramatic interest to argument, is apt to be more discursive and less useful in elucidating truth than the calm reasoning of set discourse.

Dr. Sexton's pamphlets on The Present Age, the Moody and Sankey Revival, the Union of Christian Integrity, and Christian Liberty will well repay careful reading.

*Boston Monday Lectures. Occident,  
with Preludes on Current Events.*  
By JOSEPH COOK. Pp. 382. Bos-  
ton: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.  
Toronto: William Briggs. Price  
\$1.50.

A new volume by Joseph Cook is a literary event of considerable importance. The object of the Monday lectures is "to present the results of the freshest German, English and American scholarship on the more