

Book Notices.

"Orations and Addresses." By Richard Salter Storrs, D.D., LL.D. Author of "The Divine Origin of Christianity Indicated by Its Historical Effects," etc. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 591. Price, \$3.

For the more than fifty years of his occupancy of one of the foremost pulpits in America, Dr. Storrs was universally regarded as one of the greatest orators of his country. He was much in request as a lecturer and speaker on great national occasions. His addresses at the anniversaries of the American Board of Missions, of which he was so long president, were masterpieces of consecrated eloquence. His great work on Saint Bernard is one of the finest pieces of historical analysis and biography that we know.

In this goodly volume are collected a number of Dr. Storrs' most important addresses, including his memorable one on Abraham Lincoln—a magnificent eulogy of one of the world's greatest men. An oration of fascinating interest is that on John Wycliffe and the first English Bible. Another of kindred interest is that on John of Antioch (Chrysostom), the great preacher of the fourth century. Our modern Golden Mouth, we think, was not inferior in eloquence to him of the early Church. "The Recognition of the Supernatural in Letters and in Life" is an earnest protest against the materialism that would shut God out of His universe. Dr. Storrs gave the inaugural address on the opening of the great Brooklyn Bridge, which is included here. The orations on Manliness in the Scholar, The Puritan Spirit, Forefathers' Day, Commerce as an Educator of Nations, The Sources and Guarantees of National Progress, all have an outlook and an uplift that give them a great and permanent value.

"Witnesses to Christ." By William Clark, M.A., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.C., Professor of Philosophy in Trinity University, Toronto. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 300.

Professor Clark's volume is an important contribution to Christian apologetics. Like his previous vol-

ume on "The Paraclete," it consists of a series of lectures given before the University of Michigan. It is marked by the literary grace, the exactness of thought and felicity of phrase of which Dr. Clark is so accomplished a master. It discusses first the phases and failures of unbelief, rationalism, mythicism, and materialism, with special references to Strauss and Renan. A chapter of grandest optimism traces the development of civilization and Christianity from the selfish egoism of even philosophic pagans to the spirit of brotherhood and altruism of Christianity. The emancipation of the slave, the elevation of woman, the ennobling of labour, are all triumphs of Christianity.

From the social effects of Christianity Professor Clark proceeds to note its benefits to the individual in personal culture, the development of conscience, the belief in immortality, personal responsibility, consciousness of sin, and emancipation from its power. The unity of Christian doctrine and the insufficiency of materialism are fully discussed. Pessimism, especially as illustrated in Schopenhauer and Hartmann, is shown to be partly the result of temperament and constitution, partly of the circumstances of individuals and communities. Pessimism can flourish only, says our author, on the ruins of faith. One explanation of this German malady—for such it is—is the beer-drinking habits and materialistic character of its people; but deeper than this is the loss of faith in God. It is admitted that higher organization and increased sensibility involve increased susceptibility to pain as well as to pleasure, but we need not envy the pachydermatous beast on that account. Pascal suffered agonies of pain, but infinities of joy. Newton, in his realm of high thought, condensed into a moment more of joy than all the gourmands of London in their tavern feasts. That fragile daughter of pain, Mrs. Browning, who has been called Shakespeare's sister, says:

"With such large joys of sense and touch
Beyond what others count as such
I am content to suffer much."

Dr. Ryckman, preaching in the