

of Aberdeen ends with a fine democratic ring :

"Yet, more high, as man and woman,  
Nobler still by noble life,  
We give greeting full and human  
To John Gordon and his wife."

In view of the Napoleon craze now rampant, the parallel between General Booth and General Bonaparte anticipates the revised estimate of the future.

"That name, like Napoleon's, is known o'er  
the world,  
But is known to be revered—not to  
be loathed ;  
It stands for Salvation, not carnage and  
woe,  
For the fallen uplifted, the destitute  
clothed.

If it's higher and greater to save than  
destroy—  
If man is immortal and not a mere  
thing,  
And if titles have meaning in marking  
degree,  
Then Napoleon's an insect, and Booth  
is a king."

"Farmer Jinks on Sunday Cars," and its sequel, are inimitable. A whole volume of apologetics is expressed in the following lines on the Higher Criticism :

"My dear old mother, dead and gone, was  
a Higher Critic, too ;  
This Book was hers—she loved it, and  
she knew it through and through,  
She told me 'twas from God direct, and  
she'd no doubt at all  
The patriarchs had really lived, as well  
as John and Paul.

But she was a Higher Critic of the very  
highest kind—  
She searched the Scriptures daily the  
Pearl of price to find ;  
She caught their inner spirit—which some  
Higher Critics miss—  
And Christ was formed within her, and  
filled her soul with bliss."

And there is a world of Gospel in the words of the convict to the preacher :

"Brother, you've saved my soul,  
I've touched Christ's garment through  
your love, and it has made me whole."

*Religions of the World in Relation to Christianity.* By G. M. GRANT, D.D. Toronto : William Briggs. Price, 20 cents.

This little book of 137 pages is a veritable *multum in parvo*. One of the greatest of themes is discussed in an

exceedingly concise and comprehensive manner. Very wide reading, keen insight, and broad sympathies are evidenced in this volume. The publishers will remark that the severe condensation necessary has not perceptibly impaired the charm and vigour of the author's style. The book will receive a warm welcome from those who feel an interest in the life and thought of the countless millions of their fellow-men who are still beyond the pale of the Christian Church.

While believing that Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life," and that His religion is the absolute religion, Principal Grant recognizes in the systems of Mohammedanism, Confucianism, Hinduism and Buddhism, "broken lights" of the Great Author of truth.

One of the most interesting sections is the chapter on Mohammedanism, a system which "fused the chaotic and discordant tribes of Arabia into a theocratic nation, and then displaced Christianity from its cradle and from all the countries known to us as the Bible lands." It to-day has more adherents than all the Protestant Churches in Christendom.

It cannot but impress the dullest imagination that for a thousand years, from Delhi to Morocco, five times every day the call to prayer has sounded forth, reminding men, amid the ceaseless changes of the seen and temporal, of the realities of the unseen and eternal.

This Moslem faith has not been permitted by God to mould the lives of so many millions for centuries without its important teachings. It was a protest against the idolatry of the heathen and the Mariolatry and saint-worship of a corrupt Christianity. It was an assertion of the unity and supremacy of God, and inculcates many lessons of love to man.

In like manner the learned Principal studies the origin, the sources of strength and weakness, of success and failure, of the still older faiths of Confucianism, Hinduism and Buddhism.

*Caroline, Baroness Nairne.* By her grand-niece. Edinburgh : Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto : William Briggs. Price, 90 cents.

The author of "The Land o' the Leal," one of the sweetest songs in the Scottish or any other tongue, deserves the commemoration here given. It was a noble life. Religion with her was a deep and abiding power, all the more beautiful as adorning the character of one in high place in the land.