

social topic in England. Happy is the country where the weather is scarce ever mentioned in letters. The impression we give is that a Bishop without his robes is not such an awful being after all. The introduction and memorial tribute by Dean Stanley are in his best vein. "These letters," he says, "disclose the kindly, genial heart, which lay beneath that massive intellect; they exhibit the playful affection for the tame creatures which formed almost part of his household, they show the immense range of his acquaintance with the lighter as well as the graver forms of literature; they reveal also some of his innermost thoughts and feelings on the great moral and religious questions of all time." In one common grave, and covered by a single slab, in that mausoleum of England's mighty dead, Westminster Abbey, sleeps the dust of the two illustrious scholars and friends, Connop Thirlwall and George Grote.

The Life of Gilbert Haven, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church
By GEORGE PRENTICE, D.D. Pp. 526. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$2.00.

Bishop Haven was a man of strongly marked individuality — of great and heroic qualities — of bold and impulsive character, and of the occasional faults of over haste in thought and speech which generally accompany such a character. Canadian readers had ground for offence at some of his petulant utterances at England during the Secession war, but we should remember the tension of public feeling at the time, and the impulsive out-spoken character of the man. He was a man of the most intense and positive convictions, and certainly no one ever had "the courage of his convictions" more conspicuously than he. He was probably the most radical bishop that ever lived. But his great heart was always right, and even his radicalism was only an anticipation of not a few things which are now sober facts. Even as a school boy he was the champion of the slave, and till the "sum or all villainies"

was banished from his country, he was a "red hot" abolitionist.

Professor Prentice has given us an admirable portraiture of the man, as student, as teacher, preacher, army chaplain, tourist, reformer, editor and author, and especially as an active and energetic bishop. As an editor his was a brilliant success. His discussions of such questions as American caste and colour-phobia, co-education, woman's rights, prohibition, trinitarian orthodoxy as opposed to unitarian heresy, were keen as a Damascus blade. One of the noblest traits of Bishop Haven's character was his championship of the rights of the coloured man — especially of the freedman after the war, and one of his latest utterances on his dying bed was, "Stand by the coloured man when I am gone." That death bed was a singularly triumphant one. "I see no dark river," he said, "there is no death," and to his aged mother he said, "Your boys will give you a grand welcome to heaven when you arrive."

His was a strangely magnetic nature that grappled friends to his soul with hooks of steel. Few men ever had so many, or such warm friends. The chapter in this book on "Mary in Heaven," is one of the most touching we ever read. His love was the ennobling passion of a great strong soul. For a score of years he kept the day of her death and of their marriage as sacred anniversaries of the heart. Few lives — for their intrinsic nobleness, and for the many and great subjects to which they are related — are so worthy of study as that of Gilbert Haven.

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Thomas Guard was one of a galaxy of brilliant stars given by Ireland to the firmament of American thought and speech. American and Canadian Methodism are especially