

## Finishing thy Work.

FINISH thy work ; the time is short ;  
The sun is in the West :  
The night is coming down—till then  
Think not of rest.

Finish thy work ; then wipe thy brow ;  
Ungird thee from thy toil ;  
Take breath, and from each weary limb  
Shake off the soil.

Finish thy work ; then go in peace ;  
Life's battle fought and won.  
Hear from the throne the Master's voice :  
" Well done ! Well done ! "

Finish thy work ; then take thy harp,  
Give praise to God above ;  
Sing a new song of mighty joy  
And endless love.

Give thanks to Him who holds thee up  
In all thy paths below ;  
Who made thee faithful unto death,  
And crowns thee now.

—W. H. Robert.

## Book Notices.

An intensely interesting illustrated article in the weird ways, strange stories, and curious customs of "The Indians of America," by Rev. Dr. Pierson, opens the *Missionary Review of the World* for June. Dr. Josiah Tyler, author of "Forty Years Among the Zulus," follows with a description of some of the ignorance, degradation and cruelty practised in connection with "Fetichism in Africa." Two timely and able articles on "Madagascar" come from the pens of Rev. James Sibree and Rev. Geo. Cousins. "Arabia and Its Missions" furnishes the subject for another interesting paper accompanied by a map and illustrations. The work among "The Mountain Whites of America" is also graphically described by Mrs. S. M. Davis, recently returned from a visit to those neglected and degraded people of our land. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York city. \$2.50 a year.

*Religion in the Common Life ; or, Topics of the Day Regarded from a Christian Standpoint :* A course of sermons delivered by various preachers of the Church of England. Cloth, 12mo, 168 pp. \$1.00. New York and Toronto : Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This is a volume of applied Christianity. It is no systematic attempt to solve all the problems of life, but it is a collection of discourses by various eminent divines, each one being

invited to pay particular attention to some one portion of the field. In this way variety and freedom of thought have been preserved, while unity of purpose has not been lost. The problems are just the ones for which most people are seeking solutions, and this effort to apply to them the principles of the Christian religion is happily conceived and skillfully carried out. Some of the titles of the discourses are: Religion and Social Uses of Discontent ; Use of Leisure a Test of Character ; Religion and Politics ; Is War Consistent with Christianity ? Fairness ; Social Power of the Holy Communion ; Amusements in the Light of Christian Ethics ; Individualism and Socialism ; Problems of the Poor ; Etc. Among the authors are: Archdeacon Farrar, Dean Pignon, Dr. Wace, Archdeacon Sinclair, Canon Browne and Rev. J. F. Kitto.

*The Estrangement of Young People from Christianity.* Translated from the French of Eugene Bersier, by J. E. RANKIN, D.D., LL.D., President of Howard University, Washington, D.C. Cloth, 16mo, 58 pp. 50 cents. New York, London and Toronto : Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This excellent address of Bersier's is in the nature of a confidential talk with young men and women brought up in the Protestant faith, but who have reached that crisis in their lives in which the teachings of childhood no longer carry conviction and in which they must pass in review before their own minds the claims made by old beliefs. Every young person, M. Bersier thinks, must encounter this experience, and with many it is the decisive experience of life. It is the time when the instincts of the child begin to yield place to the reasoning powers that assert themselves and insist on putting all things to the test. The objections to Christianity that then begin to occur are touched upon in this little book with a most skilful hand, they are considered in a most candid spirit, and the fundamental truths of the Christian religion brought out as only a master of expression and one closely observant of the young could bring them out. It must prove most serviceable reading placed in the hands of those verging upon manhood and womanhood, and, read at the right moment, is likely to determine the destiny of the reader.

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