wicked men, is blasphemy, and the sooner the Christian world
gets to know that the better. "Please, God, whip me," does
not denote a healthy spiritual state. God has no use for such
abjects in His Kingdom, where reigns the perfect law of
liberty. Among so-called religious men, the hardest upon his
fellows is the creature who grovels like a whipped spaniel
before his Moloch deity.

Chas. Scribner's Sons publish Dr. A. B. Bruce's With Open
Face, or Jesus Mirrored in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, a good
looking volume of 257 pages, that Messrs. Drysdale sell for a
dollar and a half. In the lectures or discourses of this volume,
Dr. Bruce seeks to shew forth Christ in the prophetic picture
of Matthew, the realistic of Mark, and the idealistic of Luke,
sc that, not through the veil of systematic theology, but fresh
through the living gospels, the Saviour may be apprehended.
Other chapters are The Synagogue Mission, The Mission to the
Publicans, Jesus Longing for Apt Disciples, The Escapes of
Jesus, Your Father who is in Heaven, The Worth of Man,
The Moral Ideal, The Cross in Sight, and Gethsemane. In the
last of all, entitled, The Christian Primer, Dr. Bruce says: "It
is my desire that the children also may see Jesus with open
face . Existing catechisms do not accomplish this good ob-
ject. In them Jesus is seen only through the somewhat
opaque veil of theology. I do not quarrel with theology, but
it should come last, not first." Then, in the form of question
and answer, he gives the substance of the gospel. There is
much that is suggestive and inspiring in With Open Face, and
a good deal that does not rise above the common-place. Dr.
Bruce emphasizes the forgiveness rather than the justice of
God, and the self-devotion rather than the faultlessness of man.

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Idyll, and Messrs. Drysdale sell its 450 pages in attractive
cloth binding for a dollar and a half. It is a well-written
society book, shewing intimacy with life in Nice, and in Italy
and the south of France, generally. The author, like all who