

BOOK NOTICES.

The Fool of Quality; or, The History of Henry, Earl of Moreland.

By HENRY BROOKE, Esq. Pp. 427. Macmillan & Co

This is a new edition of the famous novel of which John Wesley thought so highly, that he republished it in 1780 for the instruction and profit of "the people called Methodists." It is rather an old-fashioned story, written in a somewhat ambitious style, but abounding in precepts of the loftiest morality and virtue. Brooke, its author, was, we think, a more interesting character than his hero. An impulsive Irishman, he married, when only nineteen, a girl-wife of fifteen, became the friend of Lyttleton and Chatham, of Swift and Pope, and favourite of George III. He was very "Methodistical," we are told, in his habits, and lingered on to extreme old age, cheered and waited on by a devoted daughter—the sole survivor of twenty-two children.

It says much for the book that in the year of publication it ran through three editions and several since, and has recently been re-issued with an introduction by the Rev. Charles Kingsley. That distinguished editor avers that he has learned more that is pure, sacred, and eternal from its pages, which reflect the life of Christ and the teaching of St. Paul, than from any book published since Spencer's *Fairy Queen*. "Go forth once more, brave book," he writes, "as God shall speed thee; and wherever thou meetest, whether in peasant or peer, with a royal heart, tender and true, magnanimous and chivalrous, enter in and dwell there; and help the owner to become (as thou canst help him) a Man, a Christian, and a Gentleman, as Henry Brooke was before him." Of this book John Wesley writes that it was "one of the most beautiful pictures ever drawn in the world; the strokes are so delicately fine, the touches so easy and natural and affecting, that I know not who can survey it with

tearless eyes, unless he has a heart of stone." This is very high praise from two of the best literary critics and two of the most pure and noble-minded men of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Our Brother in Black: his Freedom and his Future. By ATTICUS G. HAYGOOD, D.D. Pp. 252. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

No graver problem confronts the American people than that named in the title of this book. There are now 6,000,000 of Africans in the South, and there will soon be 10,000,000. In some states they are a majority of the inhabitants. They are there to stay. Their deportation to Africa, or to Kansas, or to anywhere else is out of the question. It would be impracticable. It would be unjust. It is physically impossible. Dr. Haygood's book is a valuable contribution to the solution of this problem. He is himself a southern man—a former slave owner and confederate. He recognizes the logic of events. He sees the hand of Providence in the emancipation of the negro race. He recognizes the negro's right to citizenship, to education, and to a share in the land. He is hopeful of the future. We deem his judgment more sound and his views more practical than those of that radical enthusiast, the late Bishop Haven. He represents, we judge, the best feeling of the south toward the dependent race to whom they are, in the providence of God, wards and guardians. We found similar wise, Christian, and generous sentiments expressed by Governor Colquitt and other visitors from the south with whom we came in contact at the late Sunday-school Convention. If these sentiments are prevalent in the south, we anticipate a wise solution of the problem of the hour and a happy future of one of the most beautiful and favoured sections of the continent, and of one of