

which does him great credit. With competent learning, and yet without any excess of elaboration, he has produced a volume which should be a source of enjoyment and comfort for many a quiet hour. It will do anybody good to read these chapters, and those who dislike them must be hard to please. The volume begins with a sensible essay on prayer, showing its necessity and reasonableness, and answering many objections alleged against it. There are also some good remarks on the personality of Satan, and many other topics are touched with great skill and delicacy. Mr. Hall's illustrations are most well-timed, though when he likens prayerfulness to the Main Hall at the Law Courts, and draws a parallel between the wiles of the devil and the tickling of trout, we are almost inclined to smile. Mr. Hall calls his commentary a practical meditation, and that very fairly describes its aim and purpose, and we confidently wish it success.

The third series of *Unspoken Sermons* (4) consists of twelve discourses upon a variety of deep and important topics. Dr. Macdonald does not always approve of the Authorised Version of the Bible, nor is he satisfied with the Revised Version; and more than this, he objects in some instances to the opinions of Grimm and other recognised scholars. Having, however, settled the texts of his discourses to his own satisfaction, the author proceeds to dilate upon them in a manner all his own. Some of the discourses are long, some very long; but most of them contain things well said and worth thinking about. Dr. Macdonald is not at all content with the ordinary, or, as we may say, orthodox, statement of the doctrine of the Atonement, so he states his own view at considerable length in the discourse upon Justice; he is quite angry with the doctrine of Imputed Righteousness; and he has novel ideas on many points. The *motif* of the book seems to be the Fatherhood of God; which is worked out in several ways as far as the space permits; but sermons, of course, are not theological treatises. The discourses run one into another: they are in a way, *dissolving views*; and that expression, perhaps, very fairly describes them.

(1) *The Bright and Morning Star, and other Sermons.* By Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D. London: R. D. Dickinson. 1889. Price 4s. 6d.

(2) *The Lord's Prayer, and other Sermons for Children.* By A. Hastings Ross. London: R. D. Dickinson. 1890.

(3) *The Lord's Prayer.* By Newman Hall, LL.B. Second edition. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1889. Price 6s.

(4) *Unspoken Sermons.* Third Series. By George Macdonald. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1889. Price 7s. 6d.