

Jehovah *versus* Judah; The Stupidity of Godlessness; Light or Fire? The Song of Two Cities; Mirage or Lake? Writing Blotted out and Mist Melted. The great Manchester preacher has held now more than a whole generation of preachers and Sunday School teachers, who like to get at the marrow of the truth, and his hold shows no sign of relaxing.

The "Wizard of the North," he was, and his wizardry seems to lose but little of its magic influence with the passing of the years. Every scrap of information as to the man, his sayings and doings, is precious; and Lockhart, voluminous as he is, did not give it all. No one person could; so many-sided was the man, and so prodigious the outflow of quip and jest, of sage remark and quaint legend. **The Letters and Recollections of Sir Walter Scott;** by Mrs. Hughes, of Uffington (Smith, Elder & Co., London, 338 pages, gives a vivid, first-hand picture of life at Abbotsford, and especially of that great, genial spirit who was the centre and soul of it. The Recollections are in the form of a Diary, mostly of visits to Abbotsford, sprightly to the last degree, running over with racy remark and anecdote; whilst in the letters, one gets many an intimate look—they were written with the unrestraint of a warm friendship, and embrace the period of the Laird of Abbotsford's reverses, with the high courage with which these were met. Some of the anecdotes are already familiar, but we have them here at first hand and in their original setting, and no lover of Scott will be disappointed in these fresh glimpses.

The purpose of **Ear Training for Teacher and**

Pupil, by C. A. Alehin (Oliver Ditson Company, Boston, 125 pages, \$1.00 net), as expressed in the preface, is "to teach the pupil to think in tones, and to so train the ear and the feelings, that even the tone deaf may learn to sing, name, write and play what they hear." This purpose, to teach a pupil to hear with discrimination is all important, and in this work is successfully accomplished. The interest of the concrete is maintained and the pupil, in a way at once most interesting and instructive, is conducted from stage to stage. The book may be heartily commended to teachers and all others who themselves desire to advance in ear training, as also to those who have in charge the musical training of the young.

In 1890, the Senate of Knox College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Kenneth S. Macdonald, of the Free Church of Scotland's mission in Calcutta, in which field Dr. Macdonald labored as a missionary from 1862 until his death in 1903. Up to 1881, his work was chiefly educational. He was on the staff of the Free Church Institution founded by Dr. Duff in 1830. After 1881 he devoted himself to evangelistic work. The late Principal Caven, in conveying the decision of the Knox College Senate regarding the degree mentioned above, referred to Dr. Macdonald's services on behalf of the closer union of Presbyterianism in India. This movement has recently resulted in the formation of the Presbyterian Church in India, to which our own Presbytery of Indore has just been transferred. It will be seen that Dr. Macdonald filled an important place

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