

THE BOOK PAGE

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Competent authorities pronounce, **A Handbook of Christian Ethics**, by J. Clark Murray, LL.D., F.R.C.S. (T.), & T. Clark, Edinburgh, U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 328 pages, \$1.75) to be the best book on its subject in English. It is certainly one of the most readable. Dr. Murray is master of a simple and luminous style, which makes comparatively easy reading of even the most abstruse portions of his volume. Ethics, he begins defining as the science which seeks the universal principle for the government of human conduct. This principle a philosophical system of Ethics must discover by the ordinary methods of philosophical inquiry: Christian Ethics finds it embodied in the life and teaching of Christ. Taking as its subject matter the facts of that life and teaching, Dr. Murray's treatment falls naturally into four parts. Part I. unfolds the ethical ideal as revealed in Christ. Under this head, there is a most interesting discussion of ethical progress amongst the Hebrews and Greeks, showing a steady movement of thought towards the Christian principle of morality. Part II, deals with the import of the supreme ideal on human nature, and the process of its development in the inner life of man. Here, such great topics as sin, conversion, repentance, atonement, and growth in Christian virtues, fall to be considered. Part III. passes

outwards to the realization of the ideal in the church, the family and the state. The practical teaching of this section is of great value. "The Method of Moral Culture" is the suggestive heading of Part IV. Moral conduct, it is maintained, demands methodical training and practice, as much as gymnastic skill or proficiency in, say mathematics. Altogether, the book is one to be read and studied with ever increasing profit.

To have produced the best tract and the best hymn of his time, was the praise awarded to Dr. Horatius Bonar at the observance of the centenary of his birth in January last. The hymn is, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; the tract, Believe and Live. Dr. Bonar expressly forbade a formal biography of himself to be published. **The Memories of Horatius Bonar**, which consist of some fifteen addresses on the occasion of his centenary, are therefore the nearest that we shall have to a biography of that widely celebrated and much loved man. It is surely sufficient distinction that any one should have so many as forty-one of his hymns included in the great hymnals of the churches. Such is the distinction accorded to Dr. Bonar. The "Memories" is from the publishing house of Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier (127 pages, with portrait, 90c. postpaid).

A King in Khaki, by Henry Kitchell Webster (Copp Clark Co., Toronto, 320 pages, \$1.25) is a story of tingling adventure. The scene is a tropical island, which has been acquired by the Tropical Products Company on whose fascinating project

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