

to the Supreme Lawgiver, the great First Cause of all things, who stands behind every secondary cause, gives efficiency to all secondary laws, who reigns and rules throughout the universe, and in whom all things live and move and have their being.

The following is our author's conclusion of the whole matter:—"An ambitious attempt, and a dismal failure, is our deliberate verdict upon the so-called New Philosophy. There are, to be sure, many ingenious and profound remarks scattered through Mr. Spencer's books. There are, too, faint glimpses of many of the deepest truths of psychology, but there is an utter failure to appreciate their meaning. Philosophy is not to be estimated by its epigrams and profound remarks, but by its underlying principles. Apothegms and proverbs serve for quotation, but they are not philosophy."

Without committing myself to an endorsement of all Mr. Bowne's criticisms and conclusions, we can, at least, commend his book as the most acute and brilliant refutation of the materialistic philosophy which he combats, that, in our opinion, has yet appeared.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

As no religious magazine would be complete without a Missionary Department, we design to give our readers a summary of the most recent intelligence from all parts of the Mission field, giving prominence to the Missions of our own denomination, but, as far as our space will allow, recording also what our brethren of other Churches are doing.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.

The last Report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society of Great Britain is on our table. It is a pamphlet, or rather a volume, of 320 pages, and gives a condensed account of the work which the Society is carrying on in almost all parts of the world. The following is a summary:—