

drawn between believers and unbelievers. The modern school of "culture" may not be undervalued by a book of this kind, which may but serve to whet their swords for fresh onslaughts against the system which appeals to the heart and conscience rather than to the subtleties of mere logic. But those who are seeking for armour against the attacks of infidelity will by it have their courage strengthened and their faith confirmed. Much as we would like to cull extracts from this work, we regret our inability to do so, both on account of the limited space to which we are necessarily restricted in this department, and the difficulty of separating particular passages from their context without impairing their full force and meaning.

The three main sources of modern doubt and infidelity are to be found in the metaphysical philosophy, historical criticism, and natural science; and it is to them that Dr. Christlieb here addresses himself. He begins by admitting the existence of a wide breach between modern culture and christianity. He states the causes and extent of that breach, and shows how history, ancient and modern, proclaims a reconciliation to be possible, that—

"The light will once again appear,
To all our brethren, pure and clear,
Turning, in penitence and love,
To the one source which springs above!"

"Reason and Revelation" are the burden of the second lecture. The third deals with such non-biblical conceptions of God as Pantheism, Deism, Materialism and Rationalism. The theology of the scriptures and of the church properly follows in the fourth lecture, in which we find a remarkable disquisition on the doctrine of the Trinity. The fifth, on the modern negation of miracles, is perhaps the best defence of this bulwark of the Christian faith that has yet been attempted. The man who can resist such arguments as are here adduced must be himself a miracle. We need not follow the author through succeeding chapters on the modern sceptical accounts of the life of Christ, and the modern denials of His resurrection: we have said enough, we trust, to commend this valuable standard work to the attention of every minister in the church, and to such of the laity also as are willing to study such important themes. For the copy before us we are indebted to Messrs. Willingard Williamson, Toronto, through whom the book may be obtained, price \$2 25 postpaid.

THOUGHTS ON HIGH THEMES, BY REV. JAMES GEORGE, D. D., LATE MINISTER OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, STRATFORD, FORMERLY PROFESSOR OF MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY IN QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON. — There will be many who will be glad to obtain a copy of this book as a fitting souvenir of one of our foremost Canadian divines. For originality of thought, vigorous expression, and brilliant delivery, the Author of these discourses had few equals in any Church. Our only regret is that they should not have had the advantage of receiving the finishing touches previous to being printed from the Author's own hand. They appear, however, to have been carefully edited, and they are well printed by Jas. Campbell & Son, Toronto.

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Branch of this Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, shortly after the closing of the Synod. There were present, Dr. Snodgrass, chairman; Dr. Bell, secretary *pro tem*, Revs. D. M. Gordon, J. H. MacKerras, Gavin Lang, J. Patterson, J. T. Paul, D. J. Macdonnell, K. Macleannan, and Messrs. Andrew Drummond, and James Croil.

The Chairman gave an interesting statement of the annual meeting of the Parent Society, held in Edinburgh, last year, from which it appeared that notwithstanding some opposition and a large amount of sheer indifference regarding its aims, the Society has already exerted a very marked and beneficial influence in the old land where usages were so apt to be stereotyped. The best ministers in the Church had thrown their sympathies into the movement, and in many quarters a great change for the better had taken place in conducting the services of the Sanctuary.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in the absence of Mr. Dobic, read the secretary's annual report, a very elaborate and able document, whereupon a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the committee and especially to the secretary for the evident pains he had bestowed on the subject of public worship and the many excellent suggestions offered by him.

It was agreed to consider the order of service recommended by the secretary *seriatim*, and the same was discussed at considerable length. The late hour of the meeting prevented definite action being taken in the matter, but the feeling of the meeting seemed to be largely in favour of recommending the order with scarcely any alterations. We hope at another time to be able to give a few extracts from the Report.

Several new members gave in their names, and something was said about publishing a manual of suitable services for special occasions, such as, marriage, baptism, visitation of the sick, burials, &c., &c., which would doubtless be found to be very useful. It is not needful, we