

tains sixteen lectures, and "The Master's Indwelling" thirteen. The former treats specially of the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian life, and the latter of the relation of the Christian to Christ. In both he makes clear and definite distinction between carnal and spiritual Christians. These are companion volumes and will promote the higher life of all who read them with a true spirit and right motive.

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In the Banqueting House. A Series of Sacramental Meditations. By MARK GUY PEARSE. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is another of the elegant annual volumes which we have been led to expect from the pen of the author of "Dan'el Quorm" and "Mister Horn." In his sweet and tender spirit he discourses upon the sacred themes of our Lord's passion and the significance for us of the blessed sacrament of His body and blood. In its devout pages the reader will find inspiration, comfort and instruction. Mechanically the book is a gem of the publisher's art, with its black-letter preface and readings, and its titles and initials in bright vermilion.

The Indwelling Christ. By JAMES M. CAMPBELL. With an Introduction by PROF. A. B. BRUCE, D.D. The Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. 178. Price, \$1.00.

Dr. Bruce says of this book that it is "the production of an author who brings to his task a thoughtful mind, enriched by extensive reading as well as by his

own reflection." He further pronounces it "thoroughly wholesome." The book merits Dr. Bruce's words of praise. It is a spiritually uplifting and helpful contribution to a theme of transcendent importance, and is heartily commended for its homiletical suggestiveness and religious fervour. Its circulation must do good.

S. P. R.

The Voice from Sinai. By F. W. FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S.

The Social Law of God. By E. A. WASHBURN, D.D.

These are two books on the Ten Words from the Mount, and are published by Thomas Whittaker, New York. They have already attained a deservedly high reputation. Dr. Farrar's is the later and better contribution to the interpretation of the decalogue. Both are worthy of careful reading and study.

S. P. R.

An Introduction to the Study of American Literature. By BRANDER MATTHEWS, A.M., LL.B. New York: American Book Company. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is an ideal text-book on American literature. It is concise and clear, gives judicious criticism and quotations from all authors of any note, a brief chronology and index, questions on each chapter, and sixty-seven portraits or other illustrations. The many fac-similes of the writing of the authors described bring us very near their personalities. We would like to see such a note-book on English literature, but we know of none such in existence.

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Hid in its roots among the untrodden hills:
God shows thee how its sweetness every hour
Grows only as His breath thy spirit fills!

Behold, the New Year beckons like a star,
A splendid mystery of the unfathomed skies:
God guide thee through His mystic spaces, far,
Till all His stars as suns within thee rise!

The New Year beckons. He, too, beckoning, nears;
Forget not thou that all its gifts are His!
Take from His hand all blessings of the years,
And of the blossoming, starred eternities!

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