

Book Notices.

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LET US FOLLOW HIM.

By Henryk Sienkiewicz.

Translated from the Polish by Jeremiah Curtin.
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Admirers of Mr. Jeremiah Curtin's translations from the Polish of the distinguished author, Henryk Sienkiewicz must have read with interest and pleasure a little book bearing the title prefixed to the notice. The story in question is included in "Hania," a recent volume from the pen of Sienkiewicz, but has been published apart owing to the noteworthy fact that it gave its author the idea of writing "Quo Vadis" a book that, during the past couple of years, has attracted widespread attention. "Let us Follow Him," of which the principal chapter is skillfully limned into the sublimest scene in the world's history, is summed up as follows in the "Publisher's Notes:"

"The period of 'Let us Follow Him' is that of the death of Christ. Antea, the wife of a Roman patrician, ill with terrible visions, is advised by a physician to seek the air of Jerusalem. There she and her husband meet Pilate, who tells them of the doctrine of the Nazarene, Jesus, and his condemnation to death. They are present at the Crucifixion, and Antea gives honor to the condemned Nazarene, saying, 'Thou art Truth.'"

The little book gives us a very striking picture of the emptiness, the horrible void that is found in the hearts of those that know not God. It shows us how futile, how utterly unavailing is every earthly joy and sensual gratification in the effort to make enduring that hopeless vacancy. Jesus, the Saviour, the Nazarene, came on earth to fill up that void in the hearts of men. He came to teach mankind, both by word and by example, how to live and how to die. He came to show men that human existence beyond the grave, far from being the repulsive unknowable