

servative, but earnest, progressive, and truth-seeking. The Notes, also, are well calculated to assist the student in all obscure and difficult passages of a treatise whose issues have to some extent passed away from our horizon, but are yet pregnant with much that is instructive for the minds of to-day. The mechanical appearance of this little manual, it is worthy of note, is of more than usual excellence.

MORALITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND ITS RELATION TO RELIGION. By the Rev. J. M. Wilson, M.A. London: Macmillan & Co.

THIS is an address which was delivered by the President of the Education Society [of England] in November, 1881. The reverend gentleman has dealt with his subject in a very judicious manner. As headmaster of Clifton College, he has been brought face to face with this very important and difficult problem in many of its serious aspects.

The conflict of the flesh against the spirit is a permanent conflict, and it does not appear that it can cease while man exists as a being compounded of flesh and blood. The teacher, in virtue of his office, must take an active part in this conflict. The highest part of that office is, as Mr. Wilson puts it, "to educate, develop, guide, lead, instruct that spiritual faculty in the child which, by whatever name we call it, is supreme." Mr. Wilson indicates various ways by which the teacher can and ought to develop this spiritual power. Though we do not agree with all the recommendations made for securing the desired end, yet the perusal of the address afforded us much pleasure and profit. We strongly urge masters to obtain a copy of it.

LEAFLETS FROM STANDARD AUTHORS—
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DEMOSTHENES, by S. H. Butcher, M.A., Fellow and Prælector of University College, Oxford, formerly Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Toronto: N. Ure & Co.

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