

Its thought of God must bring Him near to every phase of life and experience and must do justice to modern scientific results. Its worship must give new emphasis to the old secret of prayer and soul communion with the unseen.

Its pulpit must be the voice of the last conscience of the time, and its pews must contain a congregation at work, not in fussy schemes to raise money, but in vital self-culture and human service.

Altogether the book is one which will stimulate and cheer minister and layman alike.

It is the personality of the preacher and the poet that counts. No one knows Dr. Ambrose Shepherd or his works who does not love both. In the May "*Sunday at Home*" the life and activity of this marvellous man are sketched in a somewhat impersonal and inadequate manner. There is just enough, perhaps, to whet the appetite for more. You cannot fail to come under the spell of this master mind if you will but glance at his social message and "*Men in the Making*." There was genius in the little Lancashire factory hand that few guessed at. We are sure that great things are yet to come.

Dr. Orr's "*Sin as a Problem of To-day*" is courageous, but somewhat controversial in its tone. He is very often bewildering when he tries to be persuasive. Yet no one who is intimately acquainted with this scholar and his work can fail to allow that he is other than a man of exhaustive research, eminent ability and thoroughly in touch with the diverse developments of German theology. Whether he be in sympathy with the views of the vanguard is another matter.

It is simply wonderful the reactive influence that the publication of a book may have on the mind of its own author. We would gladly have some such crystalization in permanent form of that series of weekly lectures at present being delivered on the *History of the Origin and Development of the Religion of Israel*. To set forth what is significant and vital from the mass of that which is fleeting and accidental will be the next great task of the Christian Church.