

relations with the Countess of Aberdeen, however, were very cordial, and for her he wrote "The Monkey that would not Kill," which exhibits, as do many of his letters, the genuine vein of humor that ran through him. We are apt to say that his life was all too short, only forty-four years in duration, but he crowded into that time far more than fills many a three-score and ten, or four-score of ordinary living. Few think of him as an ordained minister, yet such he really was, although his power among young men probably lay in part in the absence of anything distinctly clerical in his manner and externals. It is not given to every man to be a Drummond, but everyone may be a manly, modest Christian gentleman, and an unselfish helper of others to reach after a higher spiritual plane. All biographies are disappointing; as the written word cannot equal the living voice, so neither can the deftest trick of telling reveal the charm of an exquisite personality. Nevertheless, Dr. Smith has faithfully performed his task, which will give a more or less melancholy pleasure to many who regret in divers ways the light that failed.

Here is a book to delight the soul of Sir Sandford Fleming, and well known, no doubt, to Professor Ross. It is "The Presbyterian Church, its Worship, Functions, and Ministerial Orders," by the Rev. Alexander Wright, M.A., Musselburgh, 12mo., plain cloth, pp. 282, Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London, price a dollar and a half. To use the author's word, this is "a history of the worship and functions of the Church of Scotland from the period of the Reformation to the present day. My purpose is to inquire how far in accord are the present forms of service in our Presbyterian Churches with the worship of the Church immediately after the Reformation, and in what measure modern improvements in worship are sanctioned by the usages of the past." Mr. Wright's historical narrative is very full and orderly. He shows that the baldness of most modern Presbyterian worship, its pulpit freedom and exclusiveness, are English Puritan and not true Presbyterian