

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF CURRENT LITERATURE IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Charles Scribner's Sons. "Christ and Christianity: Studies on Christology, Creeds and Confessions, Protestantism and Romanism, Reformatory Principles, Sunday Observance, Religious Freedom, and Christian Union," by Philip Schaff. We give the whole title of the book as best showing the variety and character of its contents. The several chapters are composed of Addresses delivered on various occasions, and Essays and Papers contributed to various periodicals during the author's intensely active life. As the public are already somewhat acquainted with the matter of the volume, as portions of it appeared from time to time, we need only say that the bringing of the whole together in this convenient and permanent form adds to the value of the contribution as a whole. Every part of it bears the marks of patient industry, painstaking care and accuracy, and vigor and independence in treatment, which are so characteristic of Dr. Schaff.—"Movements of Religious Thought in Britain During the Nineteenth Century," by John Tulloch, D.D., LL.D. Same publishers. The esteemed author of this graceful and timely volume is senior Principal of the University of St. Andrews. The book is one of more than ordinary interest, and can scarcely fail to aid the reader in his conception of the great "movements" which it portrays with a clear insight and a skillful hand. He confines his view to Great Britain, with an occasional glance at the large field of Continental criticism and speculation, and limits himself to the first six decades of the present century. He gives an intelligent and graphic narrative of the chief religious movements and the work accomplished by the leaders of the chief schools—Coleridge and his school; Whately, Arnold, Milman, Newman and Pusey; Mill, Maurice, Carlyle, Kingsley, Robertson, Irving, etc. We have not only a pen portraiture of the chief actors in the field of religious thought, with the meaning and results of their several movements, but also a sketch, and a highly interesting one, of the more important movements in modern English literature.

Robert Carter & Brothers. "The Period of the Reformation" (1517-1648), by Ludwig Häusser, edited by Wilhelm Oncken. Translated by Mrs. G. Sturge. New edition, complete in one volume, 702 octavo pages. We are glad to see this excellent history in this improved form. It was first introduced to the English-speaking world in 1873. It contains not only a spirited sketch of the history of the Reformation in Germany, Switzerland, France, Denmark, Sweden and England, by this distinguished German Professor, but also gives a comprehensive survey of its influence on the course of thought and action

during the period of which it treats, and offers, in a compact form, information which has otherwise to be sought for over a wide field of literature.—"Mental Science, a Text-Book for Schools and Colleges," by Edward John Hamilton, D.D. Same publishers. Prof. Hamilton, of Hamilton College, needs no introduction to our readers. He has long been known to the reading public by his manifold contributions to the literature of Mental Science, and especially by his former book entitled, "The Human Mind," which was received with marked favor by critical and competent judges. The present work has grown out of the former. "Mental Science," says the author, "is now offered as an educational manual, and as a compend for the reading of those who would inform themselves respecting the doctrines of an earnest philosophy without entering upon non-essential details. . . . It has, however, been the aim to present a true history of every normal activity of the intellect." We regret that our space precludes such a notice of this work as its high merits deserve.

Funk & Wagnalls. "Prayer and its Remarkable Answers," by the Rev. William W. Patton, D.D. When a volume has reached its "twenty-second edition," there does not seem to be any need or room for introduction or commendation. This volume has been revised for its new issue, and two supplementary chapters have been added by its venerable author. It has been, and is now, the recognized authority upon the entire subject of prayer. There is no attempt at subtle argument in it; its illustrations are its arguments. It arrays facts of indisputable authenticity in proof of the literal truth of God to all the Scripture invitations and engagements. To the inspired promise, "Ask, and you shall receive," it offers in reply the testimony of a throng of Christian believers, each saying: "I have asked, and I have received." For ministers and theological students it is a treasure-house of help.—"Sunrise on the Soul," by Hugh Smith Carpenter. Same publishers. A rare book to the lovers of beautiful thought; a book to be read and reread in order to get at its wealth of meaning and exquisite beauty both of conception and expression. We can but repeat what we have said elsewhere. Its author is one of our foremost preachers, strikingly original and suggestive in thought, and often surprisingly beautiful and eloquent in expression. The seventy-nine distinct papers which comprise the volume, are each a gem, flashing with the brilliance of sanctified genius and Christian thought and feeling. The selections have been made from the choicest thoughts of a lifetime and embrace the very cream of the author's best sermons, which are equal, in many respects, to any to be found in the sermonic literature of the world. Preachers may find in