

Book Notices.

The Word. By the REV. T. MOZLEY, M.A. London: Longmans, Green & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.10.

This book has a touching personal interest. It is the work of a very old man—at the time of writing more than half through his eighty-third year. His sight was much impaired; "I may wake to-morrow," he writes, "to find the world quite shut out. I have to make up much lost time and, if possible, do some good work before I die. The world is passing away from me; I have never sufficiently renounced the world, and so the world, thank God, is renouncing me. I hope to gain access to many souls, dear to God and His angels, though seemingly not of much account in this age." Such is the spirit of this good old Simeon singing his "*nunc dimittis*" on the outmost shoal of time. As for the subject of this book, it is nothing less than being the character and the spiritual operations of Almighty God. "Specially," he says, "am I addressing myself to those tenderly described as 'babes in Christ,' the humble, the unlearned, little privileged, little helped, little thought of." It is not for the learned, though the learned may find much that is helpful from the spiritual insight of this aged saint. The venerable scholar, the author of the charming "*Reminiscences of Oriel College*," a sort of Christian Plato, gathers around him his ideal audience, and discourses wisely and widely on the most august themes in the universe—on the Eternal Logos, the Desire of all Nations, the Great Teacher of men. He speaks of the Word made flesh, the Word in the mind of man, the Word the same in all lands and all times. Then follow a series of chapters on practical duties—of husband and wife, fathers and children, work and talk, on

reading and acting, and on many kindred subjects.

Heroes of the Dark Continent, and How Stanley Found Emin Pasha. By J. W. BUEL. Royal 8vo, pp. 576, with 500 engravings. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$3.50.

We have had occasion to read a large number of books of African exploration, including nearly everything that Stanley has published on the subject. We do not hesitate to say that we regard Mr. J. W. Buel's "*Heroes of the Dark Continent*" as the most satisfactory account of exploration and discovery in the Dark Continent from the earliest period down to the relief of Emin Pasha that we have met. The man who condenses the numerous books on this subject into one, giving in a single volume a comprehensive account of Bruce, Speke, Livingstone, Baker, Gordon and Stanley, has rendered a valuable service to busy people in this busy age. The greater part of this book is given to Stanley, the greatest of all African explorers, 250 of its large pages being devoted to stirring story of the rescue of Emin Pasha. This is a narrative sufficiently full for every practical purpose, and is largely made up of Stanley's own letters to Sir W. Mackinnon, President of the East African Company and chairman of the Emin Pasha Relief Committee. There are also important letters from Emin Pasha, Herbert Ward and other members of the famous exhibition.

The book is excellently printed, the only criticism we have to make is in the character of a few of the engravings. The horrors of the slave-trade are very graphically portrayed, proving the truth of Livingstone's saying that this nefarious traffic is the open sore of the world.

As we have intimated elsewhere we