

instructed and strengthened. There are evidences of true culture in every chapter, but the charm is spiritual and devotional, not literary. This latest volume, *The Life and Light of Men**, is uniform with earlier ones. It contains thirty-six expositions of average sermon length, and more than average beauty and suggestiveness.

WHILE we are at sermons, here is a volume bearing the striking but somewhat uncertain title, *The Philanthropy of God*.† The preacher's name is now quite familiar, being the foremost in younger British Methodism. Hugh Price Hughes is an interesting character. An Oxford man, with an Oxford air, clean, quick, sympathetic, liberal, courageous, he has helped forward the cause of Nonconformity and of vital Christianity in London as few men of his generation have done. He has made his mark at once as an editor, a preacher, and a social reformer; and in each character he exhibits the elements peculiar to the others. His sermons have the direct, packed style and deft home-thrust of the skilled journalist, and breathe the liberal life and genuine sympathy of the large-hearted London philanthropist. Of late years the great St. James' Hall, the headquarters of the West London Mission, has been the centre of his preaching activity, and it was there we had the pleasure of hearing several of the sermons included in the present volume. These sermons are not as solid as Mr. Moinet's, and are of less permanent value; nor are they so warmly devotional as Meyer's. But there is more dash and sparkle, and a sense of gladiatorial strife is sometimes apparent. When he launches out against Lord Wolseley's "deadly militarism" and the war spirit of John Bull, there is a flash as of a drawn sword. The themes of these sermons are very varied, social, biographical, political, besides several bearing more closely on the title of the volume. Hughes is not by any means a profound thinker, being rather a man of affairs with a good Oxford training. But he has an intense, passionate nature that has caught "a touch of phantasy and flame." He has been brought face to face with the London problem, and he sees for it no real solution apart from a personal Christ and the power of His resurrection. In that sure faith he brings all his power to bear on the work of evangelism in London, and high over every cry to legislate or to educate he calls, and stakes everything on that call, Regenerate!

*London: Morgan & Scott. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository.

†The Philanthropy of God: Described and illustrated in a series of sermons. By the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society.