

Literature.

A Good Book*

"Whoso findeth a good book findeth a good thing" may be used as an adaptation of one of the well-known proverbs. The printing presses are so busy and pens of all sorts are so busy that the busy man is thankful for any suggestion that will guide him in rogaw! to what books he may profitably read. Books upon Biblical subjects are apt to be dull and heavy. It is very difficult to term it otherwise in the discussion of questions involving minute and careful distinctions. "The Expositor's Bible" series is meeting a great need in combining through exposition of the text with interesting and delightful discussion and application of its truth to the needs of our own time. Of all that valuable series there is perhaps no work superior to the last issued,—The Epistle to the Romans by Principal Moule, of Ridley Hall, Cambridge. The selection of this man to prepare an exposition of that Epistle of Epistles seems pre-eminently according to the eternal fitness of things. He is a man who in a rare degree combines profound knowledge of Biblical truth with intense spiritual fervor. That epistle after passing through the hands of some writers is grand, but it is the grandeur of an ice-palace. As you read Principal Moule's book you feel like one walking through a beautiful garden, where you are seeing new beauties and breathing fresh fragrance at each turn. The British Weekly calls it "One of the best popular expositions ever written." It is almost impossible to refrain from quoting largely from the book itself as one of its best recommendations. The spirit of the man is shown in the opening sentence of the preface. "He who attempts to expound the Epistle to the Romans, when his sacred task is over is little disposed to speak about his commentary; he is occupied rather with an even deeper reverence and wonder over the text which he has been permitted to handle, a text so full of a marvelous man, above all so full of God." Then we instinctively turn over to see what he has to say on the 8th chapter. These are his concluding words: "So once more the divine music rolls itself out into the blessed name. We have heard the previous cadences as they came in their order—'Jesus, our Lord who was delivered because of our offences and raised again because of our justification; (iv. 25.) 'That grace might reign through Jesus Christ our Lord,' (v. 21.) 'The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord,' (vi. 23.) 'I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord,' (vii. 25.) Like the theme of a fugue it has sounded on deep, and high, still always 'Our Lord Jesus Christ' who is all things and in all and for all to His happy believing members, and now all is gathered up into this. Our 'Righteousness and sanctification and redemption,' the golden burthens of the third chapter and the sixth and the eighth, are all within living ultimate essence 'Jesus Christ our Lord.' He makes every truth, every doctrine of peace and holiness, every sure premiss an indissoluble inference to the life as well as light. He is pardon and sanctity and Heaven. Here, finally, the eternal Lord is seen not as it were diffused into infinity but gathered wholly and forever in Him, therefore to be in Him is to be in it, it is to be in the clasp which surrounds the beloved of the Father."

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* The Epistle to the Romans (The Expositor's Bible.) By Rev. H. C. G. Moule, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository

Nae Folk like Oor Folk.

THEIR's nae folk like oor folk,
Gao travel whaur ye will,
There's guid stuff in oor stock,
Fra ilka glen or hill;
Scotland is a sma' place,
But a' the world ower
Ye'll aye soo a Scotch face—
O' men they are the flower!

There's nao folk like oor folk,
Their hearts are kind and true;
There's aye meal in oor pook
For a' oorsels an' you.
Ye'll ne'er want a true frien'
Whon worth the gifte earns,
Kindly words are aye gie'n
Amang John Tamson's bairns!

There's nae folk like oor folk
When frien's are ill or dee,
The feelin' word is aye spoke
Whon sorrow dims the e'e;
I'll dee at peace abroad,
Wi' Scotsmen by my side—
We're a' the bairns o' God,
Tho' scattered far an' wide.

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