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Dr. Matheson's works are so well known that it is scarcely necessary to dwell upon their literary style and general characteristics. He is one of those writers who never leaves the reader in doubt respecting his meaning. He has always something important to say, and he has the art of saying it in a way that is at once intelligible and interesting. His manner of dealing even with abstruse and difficult questions is marked by a lucidity, vigor and gracefulness which leaves little to be desired, and which makes it a pleasure to read what he has written. The fact that the book under review, though it was only published a few months ago, has already reached a third edition is itself sufficient proof of the favor with which it has been received by the theological and religious world. It is, of course, controversial, but its temper is so admirable that it has more of the characteristics of an irenicism than of a polemic. It does not ignore the fact that the religious sentiment of mankind and the modern conception of Nature are in apparent conflict; but it maintains that the former of these is too deeply rooted in human nature, forms an element of the being of man too original and indestructible, to be ignored or set aside. This, in short, is the thought which is wrought out in this volume. It will be seen that the work belongs to the domain of natural, rather than of biblical theology. The psalmist is simply taken as the representative of the religious sentiment, while the scientist represents the modern conception of Nature, or, perhaps more properly, the sense perceptions and the logical faculty by which this conception has been evolved. It is by these elements of our being that we are put in communication with the universe, without which it would be to us as if we were not; and though these proceed in different ways from one another—the one seeing and knowing, the other investigating and concluding—the former is no less trustworthy than the latter, and is not therefore to be ignored or set aside, or to be outgrown or superannuated.

Christ and His Friends: A Series of Revival Sermons. By Rev. LEWIS ALBERT BANKS, Pastor of Hanson Place M. E. Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., author of "The People's Christ," "White Slaves," "Revival Quiver," "Common Folk's Religion," "The Honeycombs of Life," "The Heavenly Trade Winds," etc. Octavo, pp. 382. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Price, \$1.50.

The author of this volume, as will be seen by the title-page, is not unknown to the public. His fecund mind is relieving itself ever and anon of its burden by the publication of books. He has already produced quite a little library. This, which is the latest, is probably the best of his works. It treats in an interesting way thirty-one "themes" selected from the Gospel according to St. John, the discourses being, as the author tells us in his preface, composed and delivered during an earnest campaign. It is