

feed the hungry and relieve the wants of the poor and the needy. But you have not *given your hearts to Christ*. This is your duty, and your privilege now. God loveth a cheerful giver. O then my unconverted readers, give yourselves now to Him, he will receive you, he will bless you, and save you with an everlasting salvation.

O remember, dear reader, it is more blessed to give than to receive. God himself felt this in his infinite heart of love, when he gave his only begotten Son to be your Saviour.

The Lord Jesus Christ felt this when he gave himself a ransom for us, and a ransom for all. O receive him as the gift of God to you; and in return for this unspeakable gift, this divine donation, give him your heart, your affections, your influence, your all, and then you will know by happy experience that it is in deed and in truth, more blessed to give than to receive. God is saying to you *now*, My son give me thine heart. O gratify his desire, and it will at the same time delight your soul. M.

DR. CUNNINGHAM'S HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

In the *North British Review* for February, there is a review of the *Historical Theology* * of the late Principal Cunningham. Dr. Cunningham was professor of Church History in the Free Church College, Edinaburgh, commonly called New College. The Reviewer admits that "the late principal's style is often cumbrous and lumbering, and that his manner is diffuse and sometimes prolix." He adds, however, that his "compensating excellency is his rare faculty of making his meaning always plain." One of the points in which the reviewer thinks he excelled, as a logician, was that "he was a perfect master in stating the question. The '*status questionis*,' was his own favourite phrase in controversy. He always set himself, in the first place, to adjust the state of the question; and he did so with consummate tact. His statement of a question was often, in fact, the settlement of it." We doubt not that Dr. Cunningham was a man of many and varied excellencies. The

* This work is in two volumes, and the great object of it is the explanation and vindication of the Theology of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. It was preceded by a volume entitled, "*The Reformers and the Theology of the Reformation*." These works are edited by the late Principal's Literary Executors, Professors Buchanan and Bannerman.