

scarcely be called light literature, and are not likely to be ordered for summer reading; but they deal with subjects of interest to thoughtful people in all seasons, and are deserving of perusal.

WHAT a panic was created in Presbyterian circles by the announcement of the election, by a sweeping majority, of Rev. Dr. Marcus Dods, to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in New College, Edinburgh. The American religious newspapers display a good deal of ignorance of current movements in the Free Church, and regard this election as an indication of the reign of Wellhausen, Kuenen and Co., in Scotland. The appointment is called a "calamity" and the Free Church is represented as sailing away from the fleet of evangelical Churches into the blackness and darkness of Naturalism. Dr. Dods is made out to be the incarnation of advanced criticism and one Toronto weekly, *The Canadian Advance*, with amazing ignorance of both scholars, declares him to be more advanced than Robertson Smith. There is no need for anyone to pose as the defender of the Free Church Assembly, but one does grow impatient when reading such misleading and ill-informed rubbish. We have an article ready for the printer which professes to show reasons for believing that the election of any other man than Marcus Dods, any man of a different attitude of mind, would, in the present condition of things in the Free Church, be a calamity. After the dust has cleared away and men are prepared to consider the matter we may give it to our readers. In the meantime, without endorsing or apologizing for Dr. Dods' confessedly unsatisfactory views on several important doctrines, we may assure Canadians that his election is not, as our *Record* calls it, a "revolt against Calvinism," and that truth will not suffer at the hands of the new Professor.