

## Book Notices.

*Life After Death, and the Future of the Kingdom of God.* By BISHOP LARS NEILSON DAHLE, Knight of St. Olaf. Translated from the Norse by the REV. JOHN BEVERIDGE, M.A., B.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo, pp. 455.

The republic of letters has become world-wide. Scholarship and literary genius is of no nationality. Here, at least, is recognized the Federation of the Race, the Parliament of Man. A striking illustration of this is the volume above named. Dr. Dahle was born in 1843 of peasant parents in Norway. As a young man he went as a missionary to Madagascar and laboured for fourteen years in the translation of the Bible from the originals into the Malagasy. At the age of thirty-four he was appointed Bishop of the Norwegian Church in Madagascar. In spite of his episcopal and missionary labours he was the author of many books, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to missions and literature, he received from King Oscar the knighthood of St. Olaf. It is fitting that the country which gave the earliest translation of the Scripture into the Gothic tongue, that of Bishop Ulfilas, who, in the fourth century, formed the written language of Norway, should give the oracles of God to the heathen of Madagascar. The present masterly treatise on the "Kingdom of God upon Earth and in Heaven" is one which we shall put into competent hands for a more full and adequate review than there is space for in this number.

*Messages of To-day for the Men of To-morrow.* By GEO. C. LORIMER, D.D., minister at Tremont Temple. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Toronto: William Briggs.

"I have written unto you, young men," said the Apostle, "because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." Similar is the message of the minister of Tremont Temple to the young men of the twentieth century, on whose threshold we stand. It is young men who are largely carrying on the world's work. In factory, and in shop and store, in counting-house and field, young men are taking up the burden of life and grappling with its problems. The organization of the young life and young blood of all the churches

for Christian culture and Christian service is one of the marked features of the day. They are heirs of all the ages, foremost in the files of time. They have a greatness of opportunity and a greatness of reward the world never knew before.

This is a book of eminently wise counsels. Its literary form is exceedingly attractive. There is about it an eloquence born of intense convictions, a wisdom the result of wide observation and experience, and a presentation of noble moral ideals, which if followed will ennoble and dignify life and character. Among the subjects treated are:—The Cherishing of Ignoble Ambitions—Migrating to the City—Overvaluing Athletic Sports—Seeking Something for Nothing—Living Beyond Their Means—Achieving Worldly Success—Bad Company—Good Books—Dealing Honestly with Time—Religion. It is one of the best books for young men that we know. It is not one of dry-as-dust didactic counsels, but one largely of teaching by concrete example, by illustration from history and literature.

*The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah.*

By ALFRED EDERSHEIM, M.A., Oxon., D.D., Ph.D., Grinfield Lecturer of the Septuagint, Oxford; and late Warburtonian Lecturer at Lincoln's Inn. Toronto: William Briggs. Two volumes, 8vo, pp. 1,570. Price, \$2.00 net.

This book, one of the greatest and one of the best of the many lives of our Lord, is a miracle of cheapness. How these two bulky, well-printed volumes can be published for the price is a marvel. The first edition was the result of seven years' work of the learned author, and in subsequent editions much labour has been added. The book is constructed on the thoroughly scientific principles of modern, inductive, historical study. It describes first the preparation for the Gospel, and gives a vivid picture of the Jewish world in the days of Christ, the Jewish dispersion both in the east and the west, the Jewish communities in Alexandria and Rome, Hebrew literature and the Septuagint and Apocrypha, the development of Hellenism in its relation to Rabbinism and the Gospels, and to the political and religious life of the Jews.

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