

Literary Notices.

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The Influence of Paganism on Post-Apostolic Christianity, by the Rev. G. T. Purves, D. D.

The Impeccability of Christ, by Prof. W. G. T. Shedd, D. D., L. L. D.

Charles Darwin's Religious Life: A Sketch in Spiritual Biography, by Prof. B. B. Warfield, D. D.

The Two Isaiahs, the Real and the Imaginary, by Principal G. C. M. Douglas, D. D.

Editorial Notes, General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, by the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., L. L. D.; The Fourth General Presbyterian Council, by the Rev. W. G. Blaikie, D. D., L. L. D.; General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Principal W. Caven, D. D.; General Conference on Foreign Missions, by Prof. C. A. Aiken, D. D.; The One Hundredth General Assembly, by Pres. F. L. Patton, D. D., L. L. D.; The Lambeth Conference, by Prof. C. A. Briggs, D. D.

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A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Several winters ago a woman was coming out from some public building where the heavy doors swung back and made egress difficult. A street urchin sprang to the rescue, and, as he held open the door, she said "Thank you," and passed on.

"Cracky! d'ye hear that?" said the boy to a companion standing near.

"No; what?"

"Why, that lady in sealakin said 'thank ye, to the likes o' me.'"

Amused at the conversation, which she could not help overhearing, the lady turned round and said to him "It always pays to be polite, my boy; remember that."

Years passed away, and December last when doing her Christmas shopping this same woman received an exceptional courtesy from a clerk in Boston, which caused her to remark to a friend who was with her: "What a comfort to be civilly treated once in a while—though I don't know that I blame the clerks for being rude during the holiday trade."

The young man's quick ear caught the words, and he said: "Pardon me, madam, but you gave me my first lesson in politeness."

She looked at him in amazement, while he related the little forgotten incident, and told her that that simple "thank you" awakened his first ambition to be something in the world. He went the next morning and applied for a situation as office boy in the establishment where he was now an honored and trusted clerk.

Only two words, dropped into the treasury of street conversation, but they yielded returns of a certain kind more satisfactory than investments in stocks and bonds.—*Congregationalist*.