

the book is written by Dr. J. Clark Murray, of McGill. There are over eighty poems of unequal length and merit in the collection by authors celebrated and obscure, all bearing upon covenanting days. Three at least of more than average ability and tunefulness are by Robert Reid, whom I suppose to be our Montreal poet. The Scottish Christian patriot will prize this book.

Mr. Drysdale also sends "Reminiscences of Andrew A. Bonar, D. D., by his daughter, Marjory Bonar, published by Hodder and Stoughton, of London. It is a handsome volume of 357 pages, with gilt top and a portrait and a hieroglyphic within the cover looks like one dollar and eighty cents, but of this I am not quite confident. Dr. Andrew Bonar was a very good man, who commended the Gospel more by his cheerful, earnest piety and genuine scriptural unction than by any intellectual power or pulpit ability. Critical questions did not vex him. He believed everything in the confession of faith, and a great deal that is not in it, with a child-like, simple confidence that honoured his heart more than his head. The only eventful thing in his life was the Disruption, and that does not seem to have affected it much. His biographer is to be congratulated on the number of incidents, chiefly connected with religious services and personal dealing with souls by speech or correspondence, which she has succeeded in collecting. The admirers of McCheyne, who are doubtless still many, will take pleasure in this memoir of a like-minded man who was wise to win souls to Christ.

Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton also are the publishers of "Studies in Oriental Social Life," by H. Clay Trumbull, D.D. This beautifully printed but externally gaudy book of 437 pages and thirty illustrations may be had from Mr. Drysdale. As the author's preface states, the content of the book "is a classified treatment of certain phases of Oriental life and methods of thought, vivified by personal experiences in the East." Dr. Trumbull is a diligent student of the Bible and all related to it, and is a pleasing writer. His scholarship as a rule is accurate, and his theological sympathies are broad. This book will be hailed by many who seek to realize more vividly the historical portions of the Bible narrative. His chief defect and that of other interpreters of Bible life is the forgetting that the Semitic Arab of the present day belongs to a stock quite distinct from that of the Hamitic Canaanite, and therefore that their manners and customs are not the same. Dr. Trumbull does not defend the action of Jael, the killer of Sisera, but he proceeds to account for Deborah's praise of it on Bedouin principles. Jael and her husband Heber were no Arabs; they were Kenites of the line of Hamath, ancient Japanese, closely allied in race to Sisera and his master Jabin. What is the use of Arabizing about such people as these? There is, nevertheless, a great deal of inviting reading in the Oriental Studies which will well repay perusal.