

the development of present religious institutions. Were it at all practicable, it would be greatly to the advantage of students to have such a book as this somewhere in the Arts curriculum, so that all professing to be possessed of a liberal education might know something definite about the greatest force in the world. I cordially recommend Dr. Allen's work as one of permanent value, his numerous references and full quotations taking its matter out of the realm of mere passion, argument and opinion into that of genuine science. It is withal the production of a man, whose spirit is as reverent and earnest as it is full of charity.

The next volume from the same publishers is, "The Ministry of the Holy Ghost," by the Rev. John Morgan, of Viewforth Free Church, Edinburgh; London, Hodder & Stoughton, 8vo., pp. 323, price one dollar, seventy-five cents. It consists of twenty good solid sermons, dedicated to the author's congregation. When I was a student in Edinburgh, more than thirty years ago, I preached one night at Viewforth, in a small hall or large room to a congregation of which Mr. Morgan's is no doubt the outcome. My sermon was well received, but I should hardly compare it with those of the present incumbent. There must be ability in Mr. Morgan, for Dr. Robertson Nicol would hardly encourage an inferior man to come before the public with sermons. The reality of the Holy Ghost's work in man and in the world, and the variety of that Divine Person's ministrations, constitute the author's themes, which are subdivided in old-fashioned style, yet lightened up by liveliness of diction and frequent illustration. He admits that he has nothing new to say, and that his teaching is "rather old and severe and conservative." The latter is true; he presents the extremest view of total depravity and divine sovereignty, as if God were not magnified more by common grace and the Kenosis. But the old doctrines, though false to fact, are logically easier. Here is a characteristic piece of harshness: "One day the saintly John Flavel preached from the text, 'If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him