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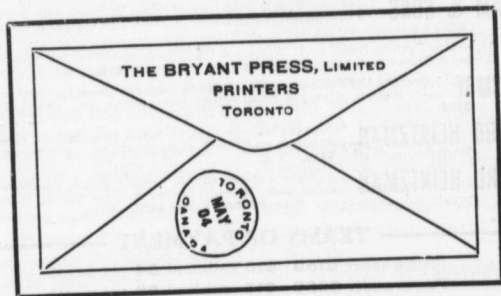
Professor Marcus Dods, of Edinburgh, has given us a new book. He is always certain of readers, so thorough, and reverent, and sane is he, and withal so illuminating, every now and then an unexpected window opening upon wide outlooks. The subject is not novel, as the title intimates, **The Bible: Its Origin and Nature** (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh; U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 248 pages, \$1.00 net). Dr Dods is here a recognized master; and whilst there may not be much that is new to be said on such topics as The Canon of Scripture, Revelation, Inspiration, Infallibility, The Miraculous Element in the Gospels, such a fresh, frank statement of the problems as we have here, clears away many a difficulty. The treatment is modern and critical, and rational, in the best sense of that term. It is a book to make believers of unbelievers, and to root believers even more firmly in the great verities of the Word, and is the more certain of doing so, that it is "good reading"—a book not willingly laid down, when once begun.

What is the true method of studying the life of Christ? This is the preliminary question in **Outlines of the Life of Christ** (originally published as the article "Jesus Christ" in Hastings' Bible Dictionary) by W. Sanday, LL.D., Litt.D. (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh; U.C. Tract Society, Toronto, 241 pages, \$1.25

net). Dr. Sanday says that we should begin with the external facts of that Life of lives, allowing these facts to suggest their own inner meaning. Then, in the documents which describe the unfolding of the life there are certain sidelights of great value. And, finally, if we follow the history of the life into its sequel, we shall discover effects which bear clear and convincing testimony as to its character. After a portrayal in strong, simple colors of the conditions under which Christ lived on earth, we are led step by step through the various periods of His ministry; and the book closes with a discussion of the impression made by the life of Christ upon those among whom He lived, upon the apostles and their followers after His departure, upon the church of the early Christian centuries and upon believers of all succeeding ages, and a statement of the problems connected with the Person and work of Christ. Dr. Sanday has told us what a candid scholar, thoroughly acquainted with the results of modern investigation, believes concerning the Christ of the Gospels and Epistles and the Christian consciousness. In reading his pages we shall find, not only fuller and clearer knowledge, but a deeper and stronger faith.

In **Hymns by Horatius Bonar** (Henry Frowde, London and Toronto, 241 pages, \$2.40 net), we read of dear, familiar ground. Every page or so, there is a favorite, for of the whole 600 of Bonar's hymns and poems, it is marvellous how many are in common use. No less than forty of them have, indeed, been set to music for the use of Roman Catholics, so universal in

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