

it works a change in him which may be observed on the Sunday after by the firm grip which he takes of his words, and by the freshness of his thoughts. Potency is in it, beyond doubt.

This being true of good books in general, it is specially so of religious books, for there lies under their dry husk the most powerful of all life-giving germs. Let this germ get a fair start and fair play, and it will outgrow all other seeds. It will spread out its branches, shut out the light and air from the weeds around, rob them of nourishment, so that they will wither and die.

Mr. Drummond's work, whose title is at the head of this paper, belongs to the class of good religious books. It is throbbing with religious thought: and, as was to be expected, it has sent its pulsations far and wide. It has started many conversations on the highest of themes, occasioned hundreds of religious articles, and supplied the germs of sermons innumerable. A book which, in little more than a year after its publication, reached its thirty-second thousand, and was read by thoughtful men and women in all parts of the world, must have in it words which are quick and powerful.

The work deals especially with the philosophy of religion. It is not content to point out the great currents in the spiritual ocean, it attempts to discover their origin, and to point out their laws. It is not satisfied to describe the blessedness of the new life, it undertakes the more difficult task of giving the science of it. As modern astronomy has shown that there is order, unerring order, in the solar system, so it would show that there is order in the spiritual system. And undoubtedly this is one of its chief fascinations for thinking men of the present day. As order, invariable order, has been found in every department of the physical, it is natural that there should be a search for it in the spiritual, and any book which professes to have discovered it will be eagerly read.

The book gratifies the thoughtful mind by a cordial recognition of the truth that nature and the Bible are both embodiments of the same mind. It points to, and seeks to bring about, the time when the twin sisters—theology and science—hand in hand, and glorious in the light of God, will go forth to bless and benefit mankind.