

of some of the philosophic and speculative parts of "In Memoriam." The swing of the poem, though not the arrangement of the rhymes, brings us back to many of the passages in that masterpiece of the nineteenth century. At the same time Mr. Scott is more than a pupil of our great Master. He has a message of his own and a note of his own.

"Thou hear'st the mighty ocean roll,
Thou seest death on every hand;
There loom strange phantoms in thy soul,
And boundless heavens arch the land.
Thy feet are on the sand and clay,
Which once had other growths than these
And in the great world's yesterday
Heard murmurs of the tropic seas."

There is real vigor here and much sound science. The contest between the life of the race and of the individual, the question of law and of individuality, and the question of personal immortality are all brought before us vividly and with a kind of dramatic force which is refreshing. "Evolution" is a poem which will bear reading again and again. The author will "forgive us" if we point out a close parallel between the fourfold repetition of "forgive us" in the last few verses of this poem and the fourfold "Forgive" in the last three verses of the Dedication of "In Memoriam." We do not think the parallel too close for our author's originality; but the form in this instance may have been unconsciously suggested by the form in that dedication.

Revelation is pointed out as a solution to man's reasoning difficulties in the last two stanzas:

"But lo! the dawn of fuller days,
Hor zonglories fringe the sky!
Our feet would climb the shining ways,
To meet man's widest destiny.
Come, then, all sorrow's recompense!
The kindling sky is flaked with gold;
Above the shattered screen of sense
A voice like thunder cries, "Behold."

We observe that this poem is dated 1887, later than the two former. We see in this a proof of Mr. Scott's increasing virility as a writer.

We have also in this volume an interesting poem with local flavour in "Wahonoin" an Indian Jubilee hymn to the Queen; it has a quaint melancholy, expressing the conviction that the race is doomed to become extinct before the march of white civilization: "O unconscious pleading eyes of the dying races," as the author of "Towards Democracy" puts it.

It would be an interesting labour to make further remarks on the various short poems. We think the sonnets as a whole admirable. That on Shakespeare is one of the best of recent sonnets that we have seen, the greatness of the artist and the ignorance we are left in as to his life and individuality are thus expressed:

"But he, concealed,
Our bard eludes us, vainly each face we scan,
It is not he: his features are not there;
But, being thus hid, his greatness is revealed."

A quaint humour, traces of which we note at various points, in the volume, as well as a profound philosophy, are found in the sonnet "at Madame Tussaud's."

"Thrice in the long display,
Blundering, I thought wax, flesh; then with surprise
At being deceived, I turned with cautious eyes
And took for wax all those who thronged my way."

"So in this age, methinks, when in the light
Of fuller knowledge, forms that men have reared
And worshipped, turn to dust, too hasty youths,
Sauntering the whirlpool jaws of credulous sight,
Rush towards a Scylla far more to be feared,
And take for shadows all too living truths."

Mr. Scott's hymns and devotional poems

breathe the true spirit of reverence and religious feeling of an earnest and manly type. His sympathies are wide, he writes lines on finishing Milton as sympathetic and appreciative as those in memory of A. H. Mackonochie. This last is not only a graceful and touching memorial, but also an interesting study in rhyme, each verse having in its five or six lines only one rhyme-ending. The monotonous effect seems to suit the dirge like nature of the poem.

To his reading public our author is Frederic George Scott: to not a few of the readers of the *CHURCH GUARDIAN* he is known as the Rev. F. G. Scott, a graduate of the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and Rector of Drummondville, P. Q. We congratulate Mr. Scott on the reception his volume has met with; we trust he will go on to produce, and that the growth perceptible in this volume will be continued and developed in some future work.

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CONSECRATION OF BISHOP VINCENT.

The consecration of the Rev. Boyd Vincent as Assistant Bishop of Southern Ohio, took place at St. Paul's church, Cincinnati, on Friday, Jan. 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The impressive service was admirably rendered in every detail. Bishop Spalding preached an eloquent sermon from 2. Cor. ii. xvi. "And who is sufficient for these things." The preacher said that after our blessed Lord, St. Paul is the best example for all ministers, and especially for Bishops. Every Bishop should be in the measure of his ability what St. Paul was and comport himself in all his work as he did. The difficulties and trials which beset the Apostle in his work among the early Christians at Corinth were counterparts of the difficulties which met a Bishop of the present day. Corinthian human nature does not materially differ from American. Individualism is more pronounced in the present, hence the difficulty of realizing the corporate nature of Christianity as organized in the Church. The Episcopate is the bond of unity in organization and in labour. We want Apostolic Bishops, Bishops who are first of all chief missionaries, and who by magnifying the office as St. Paul magnified his, in his dealings with the Corinthians, help to lift the Church from selfish congregationalism and sectarian narrowness into the full realization of the corporate nature and life of Christianity, an organization which, as shown by our Lord's parables, must grow in grace to live. Our sufficiency for all our duties, and responsibilities is of God. We can only do His work as we realize this, ever listening to hear the voice speaking to us which comforted and strengthened the great Apostle. "My grace is sufficient for thee, my strength is made perfect in weakness." The service of consecration followed, the officiating Bishops being Spalding (presiding), Whitehead, Dudley, Knickerbocker, and Penick.

NEW BOOKS.

SUGGESTIVE TEACHING OUTLINES for Workers Training Classes.—John H. Elliott, author of *Notes and Suggestions for Bible Readings* &c. W. W. Vanarsdale, 6 Arcade Court, Chicago, 132 pp.; cloth 50c.

The book contains a course of 36 lessons, to cover a period of 9 months study. Each lesson is divided into three sections, as follows: General theme. The Word of God, (a) Facts about it; (b) Truths taught in it; (c) Methods of Using it. The book is not intended to be exhaustive but rather suggestive, and while it covers a large range of subjects, all of them are of a practical character.

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST.—By Lucy Ellen Garnsey. Thomas Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House, N. Y.; paper 10c.

This is an admirable little manual of help and counsel for young Christians. It is intended to assist the preparation of young people for Confirmation; and we unhesitatingly recommend it as most helpful, not alone for these but also for those who have been confirmed—and it will bear reading many times.

REASONABLE FAITH.—By Rev. A. C. A. Hall. James Pott & Co., 14-16 Astor Place, N. Y. paper 20c.

This little volume contains four instructions given by Mr. Hall on the Sunday mornings in Advent by way of a rational presentation of the following Christian doctrines: 1. A Personal God; 2. The Blessed Trinity; 3. The Godhead of our Lord Jesus Christ; 4. The Incarnation. These addresses are couched in plain language within the understanding of all (a quality wanting in many sermons), and will prove useful in removing difficulties and perplexities. They appear to be suitable also for lay-reading.

MAGAZINES.

Littell's Living Age for February 9th contains articles from *The 19th Century*: Daniel O'Connell, by W. E. Gladstone, M. P., and Isolation or Survival of the Unfittest, by the Duke of Argyll; from *The Times*, A Great Engineering Work; from *All the Year Round*, the German Emperor's Student Days; from *The Spectator*, The Highland Crofters; a Hard and Difficult Case; from *Longman's Magazine*, Giving and Saving—For 52 numbers of 64 large pages each (or more than 3300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8.) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$1.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Little & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Treasure Trove.—Treasure Trove Co., 75 Clinton Place N. Y., \$1.00 per annum. The February number of this most interesting Magazine for young people is fully equal to any preceding. It is full of instruction; put in a most readable form and accompanied by attractive illustrations. The moral tone of this monthly is good throughout, and we can recommend it to our readers.

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