

irretrievably so. And the spiritual senses by which the things of the kingdom are discerned issue from a spiritual birth, effected by Divine power alone. You cannot make a worm with its one poor sense see the glory of sunsets and rainbows, even if you give it the vantage-ground of Snowdon; nor can you make a sea-slug responsive to the charm of music, even if you put it into an aquarium resonant with the strains of a brass band. There are some things the most expert instructor could not teach a Swan river savage, who can only count up to five. And Christ cannot teach away the ignorance and limitation of the man who does not recognise his need of the recreating breath of the Spirit. The natural man's incapacity for spiritual things can only be dealt with by a miracle, which makes him into an entirely different type of being."

The New Testament and its Writers.

Being an introduction to the books of the New Testament. By REV. J. A. M'CLYMONT, B.D. London: Adam & Charles Black. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii-288. Price, \$1.25.

In these days of biblical criticism, higher and lower, the man of God should be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." The formation of the canon of the New Testament will always be a subject of intense, practical interest. This book is an expansion of one of the Bible Class text-books, issued by the Christian Life and Work Committee of the Church of Scotland, and cannot fail to be of service to ministers and Bible-class teachers for acquiring a deeper knowledge of the mind of the Spirit as revealed in the Word of God. We hear much of Inductive Bible Study. Such a book as this is one of the first requisites for its successful prosecution. This is a judicious, conservative treatment of this important subject by a thoroughly competent scholar. It takes up in turn each of the books of the New Testament and discusses its authorship, its purpose, its place and time of writing, and other features. The

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