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Macleod and Macaulay. Two essays by the Right Hon. W. E. GLADSTONE, M. P. 8vo., pp. 80. Toronto: Belford Brothers.

IN this pamphlet the facile pen of Mr. Gladstone pays a fine tribute to two distinguished men. The essay on Macleod is one of loving sympathy and of appreciation of his moral worth. That on Macaulay is

more elaborate, and gives an estimate of his genius and of his literary merit. It is, on the whole, highly eulogistic, although it criticises and adduces facts that go far to confute some of his historical statements. Gladstone evidently bears no rancour on account of Macaulay's severe review, nearly forty years ago, of his book on Church and State.

Wee Davie. By NORMAN MACLEOD, D.D. Pp. 45. Belford Brothers.

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NOTES ON LITERATURE, &c.

—"James the Second and the Duke of Berwick" is the title of a volume by Lieut.-Col. C. Townshend Wilson, shortly to be published, which enters more fully into the history of Berwick's career than does any work yet published. Great attention is paid to the campaign in Ireland which resulted in the final overthrow of the Stuart cause.

—The parable of the Prodigal Son has been made the subject of a series of explanatory, simple, and practical sermons by the Rev. Henry Footman, M.A., author of "Life, its Friends and its Foes," and they will be issued shortly as a volume of religious teaching, having special reference to the snares and temptations of modern life.

—The *Academy* deplores the loss of a valued contributor on military subjects, in the person of Col. Charles Cornwallis Chesney. Those who wish to see specimens of his work

as a military critic should read his volumes on the campaigns in Virginia and Maryland, published during the progress of the Civil War in America, while he was Professor of Military History at Sandhurst.

—M. Lemerre, of Paris, has just issued two important volumes—"Le Parnasse Contemporain," a collection of unpublished poems by young contemporary poets, and "Les Cahiers de Sainte-Beuve." The latter is a collection of the illustrious critic's intimate notes on the important people he knew, and on different literary, political, and moral subjects. They are most exquisite, and furnish human malice with ample food.

—Messrs. Sampson, Low & Co. have completed arrangements for the publication of an English translation of the late M. Guizot's "History of England," simultaneously with the French issue. This work, like M. Guizot's "History of France," was