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SUNDAYS AT BALMORAL. By the late VERY REV. JOHN TULLOCH, D.D., LL.D. New York: A. D. Randolph & Co. Toronto: John Young, Upper Canada Tract Society. 1887.

This little volume contains twelve sermons preached by the late Principal Tulloch before Her Majesty the Queen, at Balmoral. These sermons will amply repay careful perusal. They are beautifully simple in their language and arrangement. There are to be found in them thoughtful, earnest, reverent expositions of important Scripture truths. An enumeration of the topics will show that there are in this little book contents on which, under the guidance of its gifted author, a dozen spare half-hours may be profitably spent. The topics of the sermons are as follows:—1. "Christ and the Higher Nature." 2. "Loving Kindness." 3. "Christian Agnosticism." 4. "A Harvest Sermon." 5. "Christ the Only Source of Religious Life." 6. "Eternity and Mortality." 7. "The Past and the Future." 8. "The Things that are Excellent." 9. "Individual Responsibility." 10. "Practical Religion." 11. "The True Nature of Religion." 12. "The Ideal of the Church." Among all these discourses it is safe to say that most Christian readers will linger fondly over the one on "Loving Kindness." It is a singularly beautiful meditation on Jer. xxxi. 3;—"Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." In a note appended to this sermon the editor, a son of the author, says: "The text from which this sermon was preached has a sorrowful and sacred association for the author's family. The words, 'I have loved thee with an everlasting love,' occupied a prominent position in the room in which my father died, and many a time during that terrible night did the weary eyes of the watchers wander thither in search of comfort." One can scarcely wonder at an excellent sermon being preached when the text must have been so constantly before the preacher's eye and engraven on his heart. No one can fail to derive pleasure as well as profit from reading these twelve discourses. The volume is elegantly and strongly bound, and the printer has done his best work. A good portrait of Principal Tulloch forms a suitable *rontispiece*.