Selections.

The Way is Short.

think we are too ready with complaint. In this fair world of God's. Had we no

hope
Indeed beyond the zenith and the slope
Of you grey blank of sky, we might be
faint

o muse upon eternity's constraint Round our aspirant souls. But since the scope

Must widen early, is it well to droop, For a few days consumer in loss and

O pusillanimous heart, be comforted, And, like a cheerful travellur, take the

Singing beside the hedge. What if the Be bitter in thine inn, and thou unshed

To meet the flints? At least it may be "Because the way is short, I thank thee,

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Modern Thoughts in Regard to the Bible.

Prof. Fowler delivered the first of a series of lectures on the Bible Sunday ovening to a crowded house. We can which took one hour and a quarter in delivery. He said: In response to an urgent request I commence, this evening, a course of lectures on the Bible -ite inspiration, genuineness, integrity, and authority. The frequency of such a course of lectures ibefore a popular audience, as we contemplate, is ovidence of the sure conviction which provails in the minds of the people generally in regard to the inspiration and authority of this Book.

The evidence of the divine origin of its several parts were adduced and duly weighed by those best qualified to do so, since which it has been received as the Word of God by the great body of bolievers in all ages. The church patristic, mediaeval and protestant has received the Bible as the inspired Word of God, a few individuals and schools only dissenting. With the great body of believers it is a sottled question; and why should it not be? Is it not the sun in mortal heavens for the rurest and best people of the world? Is it not acknowledged to be the secret of the true greatness of the greatest nations of the earth? Is it not the champion of liberty? Has it not purified the vitiated atmosphere of heathen nations and brought to them and to us light and peace? or are the altitude? Yes, it is all this and more. force from without. It is an active resolute power in the vory truth.

the Devil, who has waged against it unrelenting warfare. He has changed his tactics many times, his manner and nover abates. At one time he hurls against it the thunderbolts of his anger and brings up to the charge the weapone of Vulcan and he artillery of hell. At another he dresses his cloven foot, the garb of a saint in the sanctuary of pseudo-critical. elements from the Scriptures and dony method as a journey, the destination generacy from those happy first days atomach, liver, kidney and bowels.

the goodness, purity, love and beauty illustrated and confirmed. of Christ should be everything.

ness, beauty, love and purity of Christ's | the isle of Patmos. life and to the blood of the atenement for forgiveness and acceptance

grand idea of the atonoment.

No book has been subject to the same searching criticism as the Bible. and open to their scrutiny in every age. It survived the fire of the early centuries, came forth unharmed from the hands of the Scholastics of the middle ages, remained in its integrity after the destructive criticism of the Gorman Rationalists had exausted itself; and now we behold it just comgive but a brief cutline of the lecture ing out of the scoreling heat of this ninoteenth century criticism without a flaw and as pure as gold.

Its enemies die and are soon forgotten, their high criticism remains to be known as pseudo-criticism but the Old Book lives right on untarnished by time and unimpaired by its fces and the dectoring methods of its avowed friends. The rationalism under the name of the Higher Criticism of the present day is a most dangerous form of infidelity. Doubt and suspicion follow in its train. It creates about the Bible an atmosphere of distrust. It asks: Is the Bible inspired? Is it worthy of credence? Who made it? as though these questions had been in doubt up to this tima

It denies the claimed antiquity of the Pentatouch and affirms that the religions of the Jews was only the development of the Hebrew mind. The miracles of the Bible are eliminated and Christianity is declared to be only a system of othics. Christ at bost was only a splendid man and the story of his resurrection is a fable unworthy of

It takes away the jewel and asks us to admire the casket.

blessings of the gosrel after all imagin- od friends of the Bible. It is well- it a condition of his acceptance of the ary? Has it not always been and is known that one enemy in the camp is rectorship of that church that no pew it not now a bright torch in the more dangerous than many without, shall be rented, and that no entertain-

their inspiration; and all this he would was infidelity. Some can be found at when all were brothron in distress, and have us believe is in the interest of all stages of this journey. They do not no man counted aught of the things poor sinners. He would teach us that agree among themselves. This was he possessed as his own. It was but

Sinners must be taught that they forty different writers and at different brotherhood, so essential to Christianare not so very bad after all, that they times and places, from Moses to John ity, is entirely ignored and under must come into touch with the good and from the wilderness of Arabia to which the poor man finds no place in Health Without Medicine.

Clemens and Ironaeus, the latter of is a concession to worldliness which recognized as the only books of author- ! traffic in sacred things should be swort ! meet of such eases. * * * Jan P. Danter, M () -

deceivers have given to the world the -The Witness. purest standard of morality.

times and in different ages have writton books which when put together form a combination more intricate and the standpoint of inspiration they are | Rev. Dr. Nevin: plain and consistent.—Fairfield Herald.

Pew Rents.

England have commenced a self-sacri- consummated submission to the Vati-It is dangerous not only because ficing crusade against an evil which can decrees. I have neither written of its teaching but because it has for mars the Christianity of the present por done anything that could have its advocates many who are the avow- day. A Brockville clergyman has made given eccasion for such a rumour. it not now a bright torch in the more dangerous than many without, shall be rented, and that no entertain- ago published a lecture (Allgemeine advance of the highest civilization wav- One man from the inside can open the ments for the collection of money shall Zeitung, April 6th, 7th, 8th), in which ing the way upward to a still higher gate which a whole army could not be given. The rector of St. Martin's, I state in so many words that nobody Montreal, has taken similar ground on possessing a scientific culture of mind orce from without.

Montreal, has taken simular ground on can ever accept the decrees of the like water human knowledge the the pew question. These men, like Vatican Council. Having devoted durworld shaping the destiny of men and primary element in theology and true knights, have assailed at their ing the last nine years, my time prinnations. It is a light to our feet and comes to the attack with the prestage personal risk, a tremendously strong a lamp to our pathway in deed and in of learning which is everything in the fortress without counting the odds. Questions connected with the history estimation of many. While the truly All the moneyed influences of the The Bible has had its enemies in learned should be respected for their church are in favour of the pew system ground of ecclesissical history, the all ages-or rather its enemy, which is attainments, yet we are reminded that tem, and all its money interests are the boast of learning has been a marked supposed to be. The house is called characteristic of all such schools of the house of God; but all the best thought. The truly learned do not portions of it are rented out to the method of attack, but his passion forget this and they know that Scholas- highest bidders, and are held to belong ticism flourished best during the dark to them, to the exclusion of others, so ages. Its hyper-critical, hair-splitting that in any fair use of language only logio was unable to withstand the the outskirts of the sanctuary—in some is going on at Rome. Perhaps you light of truth. Like much of the old world churches only some bare similar notice in one of the American higher criticism of the present day, it bonches without backs-can still be papers. - Totus Tuus, J. Dollinger, dons the priestly attire and appears in was learned and critical but it was called the house of God; the rost Munich May 4, 1879." belongs to the equire, to the church cause of Christ. He can say protty to its foundation—Luther himself and, in fact, to whoover can afford to guages of nine-tenths of the people of the Birest, N. Y. things of Christ and manifest a deep leading the attack. That this is an pay for it. This state of things is not carth. In the early part of this century interest in the welfare of sinners. It impartial representation of the attitude a recent one in the church. As early is in their behalf-in order to their of the advocates of the Higher Criticas the days of the apostle James it speedy conversion that he would cism to the Bible, he showed from seems to have been the custom to say modify the Bible. He would declare quotations of many prominent authors to a man in a gold ring and goodly ing bad blood, dyspersia, constitution, etc. from the bosom of the church that of the present day. He quoted from apparel, "sit thou here in a good and thus allow these and other diseases to much of the Old and New Testament advocates of the Higher Criticism to place," and to say to the poor man, using nature's blood purifying tonic, Buris legendary and unworthy of credence. show that he had not misrepresented "Stand then there, or ait here at my dock Blood Bitters, which regulates the He would eliminate the miraculous them. He represented the critical footstool;" that was a pretty rapid de jentire system, curing all diseases of the

a step from that ') our present pow The Bible was written by about system, under which the equality of HEALTH PAMPHLET. the church which he can take with He quoted from Origen, Tertullian, solf-respect. The whole pew system Read the Following Testimonial : away as similar abuses were of old, The disciples believed what they with "a whip of small cords." These: The Health Pamphlet taught, in evidence of which they churches which have done so have not suffered and died for the cause. This come to grief. Indeed, it has, we tells the secret of keeping in health did not prove Christianity true but it believe, been found, where it has been by warding off disease and build did prove that they were sincore in possible to test the question, that more ing up the constitution what they believed and the chief money proportionately is raised on the By Rational Treatment features of Christianity were such that voluntary than on the mercenary systhey were not liable to be deceived tom. There are churches in which not He then stated some undeniable facts, a cent of pew rent has ever been colsome of which are that, (1) The Biblo lected. On the subject of raising was written by different men and money by entertainments and bazaars at different times and yet it is one there is more room for discussion. book. It tells one story. (2) It incul- Social intercourse is an essential elecates the purest morality. (3) Its ment of church life, and people may writers claimed inspiration. He at times be allowed to pay for what showed, viewing these facts from the they enjoy, though it is better, where standpoint of those who deny inspira- possible, to act on the family principle, tion, that the writers of the Bible were but as a means of raising money, no liars and that those impostors and method is at all equal to direct giving.

Uninspired men writing at different Dr. Dollinger's Last Words on Papal Infallibility.

The following letter from the late complete than the mechanism of a Dr. Dollinger is believed by his friends watch. The critics can believe all in Rome to express his latest views on this, and yet ask as to eliminate the the subject of which it treats. It was miraculous element from the Bible | addressed to the paster of the Ame-But viewing these and other facts from rican Episcopal Church in Rome, the

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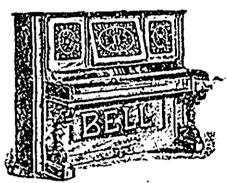
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