

It is difficult to say why a book like *Verities in Verses* (5) should be written, and still more wonderful to think anybody should profitably read it. The verities are well known, but the verses are anything but well done. The intention of the writer is no doubt a good one, but we cannot help thinking that his energies are somewhat misdirected. Yet some people praise this sacred poet, and tell him that they are delighted with the sweetness, wisdom, and point of the verses; but one venerable M.P. says that, though he admires the Scotch pieces, there were some words he could only make out by the aid of a glossary, and not always then.

The Theological Educator is "a series of manuals giving a solid and trustworthy grounding in all branches of theological study." Such is the claim made by them, and judging by the *Outlines of Christian Doctrine* (6) which Mr. Moule has furnished for that series, the claim is well founded. Mr. Moule's is a book of outlines, and is better calculated to help the teacher than to enable a learner to do without help; but if a student has studied the subjects in larger works he will here find a ready reminder. It is really a book of notes, full enough to show that Mr. Moule is very competent to compile such notes, but yet so meagre in some ways that one could much desire to see it enlarged. Each chapter of notes is followed by an historical *résumé* of the doctrines; and the various views are fairly stated, though, of course, Mr. Moule's own leaning is visible everywhere. The work is a marvel of cheapness.

The present seems an age of "Series of Books." The Religious Tract Society have sent us No. 6 of the Christian Classic Series, containing the *Writings of Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland* (7). These consist of the great Irish Saint's Confession, the hymn called the Breastplate, the Epistle to Coroticus, and some doubtful remains. An Appendix contains a version of Patrick's Hymn by Mr. Alexander. The book is carefully edited by Rev. C. H. H. Wright, and is well worth reading, for it is curious, and, in parts, beautiful.

(1) *The Mystery of the Universe, Our Common Faith.* J. W. Reynolds, Rector of St. Anne and St. Agnes, with St. John Zachary, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. London: Kegan Paul, Trench & Co., 1884. Price 14s.

(2) *The World to Come.* By J. W. Reynolds, M.A. London: Kegan Paul, Trench & Co., 1888. Price 5s.

(3) *Footprints of the Revealer.* By the Rev. Walter Morison, B.A., D.D. London: J. Nisbet & Co., 1889. Price 5s.

(4) *Our Celestial Home.* By Jerman G. Porter, A.M. London: J. Nisbet & Co., 1888. Price 2s. 6d.

(5) *Verities in Verses.* London: Elliot Stock, 1885. Price 1s.

(6) *Outlines of Christian Doctrine.* By the Rev. H. C. G. Moule, M.A. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1889. Price 2s. 6d.

(7) *The Writings of Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland.* Edited by the Rev. C. H. H. Wright. Religious Tract Society.