

the man himself, of his mental and spiritual character or of the influence which he exerted on others. Mr. Baillie seeks in the present volume to supply this want, and to collect in one portrait the various features of the man as they are presented in various documents and letters, and especially in his own Confessions. The volume we are sure will be read with deep interest and will tend to give a more full and correct idea of this great father than has been generally entertained. We may add too that this volume will tend to endear the name of Augustine to Christians generally, for although living in a monkish age, he was a loving, warm-hearted man, who, while he set forth with peculiar power the sovereignty of God, was influenced by the warmest love to the souls of men.

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The object of this little volume is to recommend the practice of systematic benevolence, and to point out and illustrate the duty of all to give according to their ability for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. We trust the memorial of this devoted widow may really be the means of leading others to follow her example, so that of them it may be testified 'they have done what they could.'

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